



Israeli troops use rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse about 300 youths who tried to hold a mock funeral yesterday for former mayor of Hebron, Fahd Kawasme, murdered in Amman. (Hebron demonstration - page 2.) (Andre Bruttman)

Israel offer on Kawasme burial ignored

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel agreed to the interment of the assassinated former mayor of Hebron Fahd Kawasme in his home city on condition that four Israeli soldiers missing in Lebanon were found and returned, the Defence Ministry disclosed last night.

The four soldiers are Samir Assad, Zechariah Baumei, Yehuda Katz and Zvi Feldman.

Kawasme was killed in Amman on Saturday and buried in the Jordanian capital Monday afternoon.

The Defence Ministry's coordinator of activities in the territories, Shmuel Goren, said last night that

Israel's terms were conveyed to the Jordanian government via members of the Kawasme family who travelled to Amman Sunday.

"No reply has yet been received, but the burial of Kawasme in Amman shows clearly that the offer has been rejected," the official announcement read.

"Israel emphasizes its readiness to stand by the offer. Israel will continue to make every effort to establish the fate of the four missing soldiers and have them returned to their homeland."

Goren added that the offer was initiated by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin who brought it before

the cabinet Sunday morning. The offer was approved by the cabinet sitting at a Ministerial Defence Committee and the contents of the decision were kept secret until last night.

"This is a rare gesture on our part and was undertaken despite the very real danger that the burial of Kawasme in Hebron would lead to serious unrest there," Goren said.

Past requests to have locally born officials of the PLO buried in the territories have all been rejected. The most recent was that of the family of the leading PLO moderate Issam Sartawi who was assassinated in Portugal last year.

Kawasme was elected to the PLO executive committee last November and charged with responsibility for the West Bank and Gaza.

The decision to attach a price to the agreement to have him buried in Hebron arose following a message from PLO chairman Yasser Arafat indicating that he held the bodies of eight or nine Israeli soldiers. The message was conveyed by the Israeli journalist Amnon Kapeliuk, who attended the Palestine National Congress meeting in Amman in November.

Goren stressed that only the four soldiers named in the announcement (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Hospitals to halt surgery as supplies run out

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Several government hospitals will be unable to perform surgeries within a day or two because they are short of fuel, hot water, plasma reserves and even food, the Union of Hospital Directors said last night.

Health Minister Mordechai Gur said earlier that the hospitals have accrued a \$3.7 billion debt to sup-

pliers, not through budget cuts, but because the Treasury has been withholding their approved funds.

The union held an urgent meeting last night at the Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer and called on Gur to meet its representatives today to discuss the collapse of Israel's hospitalization system.

Union chairman Prof. Shmuel Pinhas, who is the executive director

of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem, said hospital directors cannot take upon themselves the responsibility of naming hospital priorities, for example, deciding on how many premature babies should continue to be incubated.

He said whole hospital units, including surgery and intensive care, may have to be shut in the next few

days.

Speaking to reporters in Jerusalem yesterday along with Gur, Health Ministry Director-General Prof. Dan Michaeli said the hospitals owe Magen David Adom \$1.1b. for services already provided and as participation in MDA's budget, but have no money to pay the debt.

As a result, MDA has stopped (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Public consumption declines by 7.5%

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

An unprecedented decline in the public's living standard during 1984 was disclosed by the Central Bureau of Statistics yesterday.

According to the bureau, private per capita consumption levels dropped by 7.5 per cent in comparison with those maintained in 1983. It added that real wages had plummeted by 4 per cent.

At the end of 1984, Israel has some 100,000 jobless, approximately 7 per cent of the labour force, it was reported.

According to the national statistics estimates released by the bureau, Israel's gross national product remained stagnant during 1984, although industrial output rose by some 5 per cent. The latter development was due to a 13 per cent increase in exports.

Domestic market demands dropped in 1984. Investments de-

clined by some 14 per cent and military domestic expenditure declined by some 4 per cent. This low level of demand accounts for the GNP's failure to grow despite the recorded increase in industrial output.

The government scored its greatest success with the balance of payments. The current account deficit declined by some \$215 million. Excluding military imports, which are not affected by economic developments, the improvement was much larger—some \$750m. By year's end the country's overall deficit totalled \$4.8 billion. The civilian segment of this deficit totalled \$3.4b.

Public civilian consumption (health, education, etc.) did not increase during 1984, and has, in fact, remained at the same level since 1979. Overall public sector spending, however, rose by 3.4 per cent, but this was the result of a 41 per cent increase in military imports.

2 senior Tel Aviv officials charged with taking bribes

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Municipal executive member and head of personnel Arye Kremer and sanitation department manager Yehiel Partzelina yesterday were brought to the local magistrate's court on suspicion of taking bribes. Kremer, a stalwart of the Tel Aviv Herut branch, was also accused of fraud and breach of trust. They were released on \$500,000 bail each.

In 1979, Kremer, Partzelina and their wives went to the U.S. on a study mission of municipal waste disposal. The trip was financed by the city, which forbade importers of sanitation equipment from helping finance their expenses.

But according to the police fraud department, representatives of three sanitation importers met the officials in the U.S. and treated them to flights, tours, hotel stays and entertainment, costing considerable sums.

"It's all nonsense. Out and out lies. Groundless accusations?" Kremer, who was head of the sanitation department at the time of the trip, said.

Intradco, CTA and Heitam, importers of municipal waste cleaning equipment, sanitation equipment and sewage equipment, admitted treating the suspects to various things on the trip, the police told the court yesterday.

In return for these benefits, the police maintained, the suspects helped the importers obtain purchase contracts with the city.

The defence said that Kremer and Partzelina had gone abroad to meet with producers of waste disposal equipment which the city intended to purchase. It stated that the suspects' wives paid for their own trips, and no part of the trip or its expenses was financed by the importers.

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Air Force concerned that Jordan may get F-16 fighters

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Air Force is concerned that Jordan may receive F-16 jet fighters from the U.S., defence affairs reporters were told yesterday. The Jordanians do not have similar aircraft, and it was reported that any change would be "a significant threat and we must make every effort that this not happen."

On the Syrian front, it was reported that the Syrians have a large number of SA-8 anti-aircraft missiles.

Meanwhile, the Air Force is preparing to fire hundreds of career personnel because of budget cuts.

However, the force insists on building the Lavi plane.

A has examined the possibilities of

purchasing a foreign-made fuselage and inserting locally produced electronic devices and fire control systems, but it found the results would be costly and unsatisfactory.

The possibility of producing an American plane here was also examined, but it proved to be more expensive than the Lavi.

The Israeli Aircraft Industry, which is the Lavi's major contractor, is waging an energetic public relations campaign to retain the project. During the past few weeks, it has been hosting Knesset members and industrialists, and yesterday it took the army's general staff on a tour, including Chief of the General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy and several other generals.

Arafat urges escalation of armed struggle policies

Post Middle East Reporter and Agencies

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday called for an escalation of armed struggle against Israel, but reiterated his determination to coordinate positions with Jordan in an attempt to find a negotiated settlement to the conflict.

In a statement issued in Amman to mark the 20th anniversary of the founding of the PLO, Arafat stressed that "armed struggle...has been and will remain the fundamental method and choice (of the Palestinians) and it will be escalated."

"I recommend to the revolutionary generation the path of Jihad (holy war) towards Palestine and Jerusalem," Arafat continued, not-

ing that "there is no life for a nation which loses its military option."

The tough tone of the statement, with its emphasis on "armed struggle" was predictable, given the nature of the occasion on which it was issued.

It does not, however, appear to indicate that Arafat has in any way weakened his openness to diplomacy, and he was, in fact, careful to stress his determination "to continue our dialogue with our brothers in Jordan in a positive spirit."

Arafat, who was in Jordan to attend the funeral of former Hebron mayor Fahd Kawasme, once again attacked Syria, blaming it for the current rift in the PLO. The PLO has openly saddled Syria with responsibility for killing Kawasme.

Comptroller: Banks may have broken law

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Following his scathing report on the bank shares collapse in 1983, published on Monday, State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik yesterday told Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir that the commercial banks may have committed criminal offences in their regulation of bank shares prices before the crash.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres told Kol Yisrael yesterday that it seemed to him "there was no alternative to a judicial commission of inquiry."

Peres said he would not like to see the report used for political purposes, but it was important to investigate mistakes. Most important, he said, was to see what should be corrected, "so that we don't repeat

our mistakes in the future."

Tunik told the Knesset State Control Committee that he recommends, without reservation, the establishment of an inquiry commission to complement his report, which was not empowered to deal with the political echelon, the commercial banks, the stock exchange and the Bank of Israel advisory committee.

A clear majority on the committee favoured the establishment of a commission and a majority also called for the resignation of the heads of the country's banking system. It was still unclear whether an inquiry commission would be established, by whom and under what terms of reference. Nor was it clear whether there would be resignations in the banking system, including that of Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum.

Efforts to get the State Control Committee to coordinate its measures with those of the government continued yesterday, as Energy Minister Moshe Shahal and Justice Minister Nissim met with committee chairman MK David Libai for the second time in two days. Peres on Monday asked the three to try to reach an agreed position.

Libai denied that the government was trying to influence the legislative branch or that any kind of negotiations were being held on the terms of reference for the commission.

Nevertheless, a group of committee members headed by MK Dan Tichon (Liberal-Likud) complained that ministers were exerting pressure and that only the Knesset body should decide when to set up a (Continued on Back Page)

Moda'i: Inquiry can't harm solid banks

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel has nothing to fear from a full-dress inquiry into the banks, Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said yesterday.

At the very worst, he said - and this would be "very sad" - the heads of the banks might have to resign. "But so what? What does that have to do with the banks themselves? The banks are solid and the value of the bank shares in the 'arrangement' is guaranteed by the government," Moda'i said.

He was responding to a newsman's question about reported fears

in the government that a commission of inquiry into the bank shares affair might undermine confidence at home and abroad in Israel's leading commercial banks.

The minister noted that an inquiry commission would probably not unearth new information which was not widely known today. "What would be good to avoid, however," he said, "is the time-lapse between the appointment of a commission and the submission of its findings. During this period people would start imagining all sorts of things..."

"I would hope, therefore, that it will be fast - whatever it is."

He noted that there was no decision yet on "what kind of inquiry" was to be established.

Moda'i added ruefully that he "should have resigned then" - referring, apparently, to his service as a minister in the Likud governments of the late Seventies and early Eighties. "I knew what was going on. I wanted nothing to do with it. I warned them against it. I wrote about it at the time. I should have quit."

Moda'i was a consistent dissenter within the cabinet to the economic policies of the various finance ministers.

Mandelbaum and Ma'or: We will not resign

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum and Banks Examiner Galia Ma'or yesterday insisted they had done nothing wrong in the bank shares crisis. They adamantly rejected any suggestion of resigning.

In a radio interview yesterday, Ma'or said that State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik had not properly assessed her role as banks examiner.

Her responsibility extended solely to ensuring the continued stability of individual banks, while safeguarding their clients' general interests.

She also added that, after being appointed at the end of 1982, she had openly and repeatedly opposed the practice of regulating bank share prices. But she said she took no action because she believed only decision-makers, not executives like herself, were empowered to deter-

mine macro-economic policy.

In a separate interview early yesterday morning, Mandelbaum insisted that what had occurred in 1983 was "healing surgery." In an attempt to lay blame for the economic debacle at the door of his predecessors, Mandelbaum claimed that when he took office, he approved the regulatory practices in existence. Consequently, there was no reason why he should resign, he said.

NEWS BACKGROUND/Pinhas Landau

'Unswerving defence' of central bank

A single unswerving line of defence has characterized the Bank of Israel's attitude to the entire bank shares imbroglio and its own role as regulatory authority of the banking system.

This emerges from a legal opinion drafted by the bank's legal adviser, Michael Herzberg, which has come into the possession of *The Jerusalem Post*. The arguments used in this document, which was written in response to the criticism of the central bank contained in the early drafts of the state comptroller's report, are not materially different from the line adopted by Governor Moshe Mandelbaum in a radio interview yesterday morning.

It is, therefore, reasonable to expect that this line will be used by the Bank of Israel when the expected commission of inquiry is set up - despite the fact that its main thesis were decisively rejected by the state comptroller in his final report.

In fact, the document shows that the final version - which was char-

acterized by a degree of clarity and sharpness unparalleled in any previous state comptroller's report - was deliberately written in a way that rejected all the counter-arguments that had been raised in the course of the comptroller's inquiry.

By extension, it is clear that all the previous talk of pressure being brought to bear on the state comptroller to tone down the style or conclusions of the report were either misconceived or that such pressure was ignored. Indeed, it would seem that the language used in the report was actually tightened and made more explicit in the final version that had been the case in the drafts.

The summary of the Bank of Israel's arguments, in the 17-page analysis, are worth quoting in full:

"A) The regulation of the bank shares was, undoubtedly, classifiable as influencing securities prices, but it is doubtful if it was a manipulation (because this is linked to an attempt to influence prices with the objective of making profits) and cer-

tainly there was no influence on security prices in a fraudulent manner.

"B) In the circumstances that accompanied the regulation, that manipulation - if such it was - was lacking the element of "influence through fraudulent means" which would make it a violation of Paragraph 54 A (2) of the securities law and therefore the elements of the violation were not fulfilled.

"C) The regulation continued for some 10 years, with the knowledge of the authorities, and with disclosure of its details in prospectuses and through the granting of legislative exemptions, and it was thereby given legitimacy. This, in itself, shows that there was no "fraud" in the regulation.

"D) Since there was no illegality, and the authorities approach to the regulation of the bank shares derived from how this influenced the general economy and the securities (Continued on Page 7)

6 killed in road accident, 3 more in others

ASHKELON (Itim). - Six people were killed and six others were injured, three seriously, when a van crashed with an army bus on the Netivot-Nir Am road south of here early yesterday morning.

The six dead and the three seriously injured were riding in the van, which after veering onto the shoulder apparently turned over as it tried to get back onto the road and ended up in the opposite lane. The van was carrying workers from Beersheba to Sderot. Four of the dead have been identified as Ethiopian immigrants from the Beersheba Absorption Centre. They were Mazar-Zuzisuzi Macabi, 21, McKonzo Job Raphael, 24, Dasso Masigani Nagosa, 21, Binyamin Sidi, 40.

The fifth dead was identified as Victor Hayatt, 21, of Moshav Gilar, who was driving the van because his father's driver's licence had been revoked.

The sixth person killed was not identified.

The three others hurt were in the army bus which crashed into the van. The injured were hospitalized in Ashkelon.

In six other road accidents since Monday afternoon, two people died, seven were seriously injured and four were moderately injured. Killed were a 44-year-old man from Ramallah, who lost control of his car on the Ramallah-Jericho road, and a

22-year-old resident of Tira whose jeep veered off road 444 south of Tira.

Four of those seriously wounded were soldiers on leave who were returning from a New Year's Eve party in Petah Tikva early yesterday morning when their car crashed into a lamp-post. Another was a motor scooter rider from Ashkelon who hit a pavement when riding through town. A taxi passenger and a bus driver were injured in Ashkelon when the bus and taxi collided in the town's industrial area.

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Pilot error blamed in 'copter crash

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. - An Israel Defence Forces committee, which probed last September's fatal helicopter crash near Beit Shean has found that pilot error following engine failure was responsible for the accident, which claimed five lives, including the two pilots.

The IDF Judge Advocate General recommended that four officers be tried for negligence because they had failed to report on time that the helicopter was missing. This contributed to the three-and-a-half hour

delay between the time of the crash and the time the rescue team found the downed aircraft and the injured survivors.

Five soldiers - the two pilots, the flight engineer and two infantrymen aboard the Bell 212 - were killed. Five other infantrymen were wounded.

The army set up an inquiry committee including aviation experts, infantrymen and doctors. The team was headed by an air force aluf-mishne (colonel) with 20 years experience flying helicopters.

Their findings were presented to

the Chief of the General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy and the families were informed on Monday.

Addressing defence reporters at the Sde Dov air force base here, the head of the investigating team said the Bell had been assigned to a Golani infantry exercise on September 24. The unit was practising infiltrator pursuit in Wadi Bezek. Six soldiers and the commander of the exercise, a sgan-aluf (lieutenant colonel), flew overhead to try and spot the "infiltrators."

The helicopter, piloted by Segen (Continued on Back Page)

Lack of orders may cause Israel Shipyards collapse

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - The government-owned Israel Shipyards faces imminent collapse. It is feared that nearly 600 of its 800 workers will be redundant.

This follows the Defence Ministry decision not to order the building of two large landing craft for the IDF because of budget cuts. The craft had been ordered as a result of lessons learned in the Lebanon war,

when paratroops were successfully landed from the sea, north of the Awaia River, attacking the PLO forces from behind their lines.

The shipyard has kept operating on its past earnings and government subsidies since before last July's Knesset election, but now there is not enough new work to keep its work force busy. There has been insufficient work for months.

An order for two refrigerated ships for a partnership of Agrexco and Zim, promised by Transport Minister Haim Corfu has not materialized.

The *Jerusalem Post* learned that neither Zim nor Agrexco intend to order the ships which would have cost \$25 million each, including a \$10m. government subsidy because of lack of investment funds.

The only orders in the offing are for two tugboats from the Ports Authority, but these will provide work for only a small portion of the work force.

Another large job, "stretching" three Zim container ships to enhance their capacity, will be completed within two months and then the yard will have little to do beyond repair work, which will only provide employment for 200.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

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AMSTERDAM	2	36	43	Rain
BRUSSELS	3	27	39	Rain
BUEENOS AIRES	23	73	85	Clear
CHICAGO	8	32	36	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	-1	30	32	Snow
FRANKFURT	3	27	39	Snow
GENEVA	-4	25	32	Cloudy
HELSINKI	-9	16	23	Cloudy
HONG KONG	13	59	66	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	13	55	61	Clear
LISBON	6	43	47	Cloudy
LONDON	3	37	43	Cloudy
MADRID	-2	28	31	Clear
MONTREAL	-8	18	25	Snow
NEW YORK	2	36	44	Cloudy
OSLO	-6	21	27	Cloudy
PARIS	1	34	41	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	21	70	81	Clear
SAO PAULO	18	62	70	Rain
STOCKHOLM	-4	25	31	Cloudy
TOKYO	8	32	36	Cloudy
TORONTO	0	32	36	Snow
VIENNA	-4	25	31	Cloudy
ZURICH	-4	25	32	Clear

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy with some local rain.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	45	8-13	12
Golan	43	3-13	12
Nahariya	61	8-12	12
Salad	61	14-18	18
Haifa Port	50	8-18	18
Tiberias	50	8-18	18
Nazareth	40	9-16	15
Afula	42	3-19	18
Shimon	34	6-15	15
Tel Aviv	49	10-18	18
B-G Airport	47	8-18	18
Jericho	44	8-21	20
Gaza	52	10-18	18
Eilat	52	12-20	20

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dr. Ehud Shamai, deputy director of P-Bird, Bi-National Fund for Research and Development, will speak on the fund's activities at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. today at the YMCA.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting in the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

A solidarity evening for Ethiopian Jewry, sponsored by the women's organization of the Moriah Synagogue in Haifa, will be held at the synagogue, 7 Rehov Horev, at 8 o'clock tonight.

Judith Golub, an immigrant from the U.S., has been appointed public relations and information director of Haifa University.

Max Rowe funeral today

The funeral of Max (Moshe) Rowe, former director of the Rothschild Foundation, will be held today in the Hof Hacarmel Old Cemetery, Haifa.

In June, 1982, Rowe was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Hebrew University in recognition of his services to the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

In the mid-1970s, Rowe was president of the Everyman's University. He is survived by his children and grandchildren.

Two Lebanese hurt by blast in Sidon

Jerusalem Post Reporter
METULLA. - Two Lebanese civilians were wounded yesterday morning in central Sidon when an explosive device went off as an Israeli patrol passed by.

At noon, light arms fire was directed at an IDF patrol two kilometres southwest of al-Adusiya. No one was hurt.

A South Lebanese Army patrol came under light arms fire in the afternoon, four kms. northeast of Jibshit.

Military sources said that during the past 24 hours, there had been eight attacks on IDF and SLA forces. No one was hurt.

HOSPITALS

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providing blood and blood products to the indebted hospitals. Michaeli said he met with MDA officials who have no money to pay workers' salaries, which were due yesterday.

Gur and Michaeli both said that hospitals, like Rambam in Haifa, have reached the point of borrowing medicine and infusions from other hospitals and that daily decisions are being made as to whether a hospital will pay for pace-makers for heart patients or for laundry services and electricity. Some hospitals have run out of diapers for infants.

Speaking of the current waves of unrest caused by health workers' job insecurity, Gur reiterated that no health service employees who were already employed last October will be dismissed. However, he said, clerical staff employed by the ministry will be vetted on the same basis as other government clerks.

Gur said that unless the Treasury can arrange the uninterrupted transfer of the regular, approved funds to the Health Ministry, drastic steps may have to be taken, including stopping services like clothing and bedding for patients. Gur refused to elaborate on this point but said authoritatively that if it is a choice between providing bedsheets and other services or buying medicines, infusions and X-ray film, then he will opt for the latter.

HOME NEWS

Sharon request on secret report upheld

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday approved the cabinet's decision to let the Israeli attorneys of the two parties in the Time magazine libel case see the classified documents in the Kahan inquiry report on the Sabra and Shatilla massacre.

The vote was 18 to 2, with two abstentions.

The cabinet decision was unanimous and was taken by a special committee of senior ministers chaired by Prime Minister Shimon Peres. The cabinet's decision required the Knesset committee's endorsement.

The classified documents in question are: Appendix B to the Kahan report; notes of a conversation which then defence minister Ariel Sharon held with members of the Jemayel family after the assassination of Bashir Jemayel on September 15, 1982; notes on a conversation between Sharon and Phalangist commanders on the same date; material relating to the meeting between Sharon and Bashir Jemayel before the assassination, on September 12, 1982, plus classified sections from Sharon's testimony on that same meeting to the Kahan commission.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim and Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, appearing before the Knesset committee to explain the cabinet

decision, said security officials had objected to the attorneys being shown one of the documents, but they did not convince the cabinet.

Nissim and Zamir refused to identify the problematic document.

They said that Sharon's attorney, Dov Weissglass, and the magazine's attorney, Haim Zadok, would be allowed, following the committee's endorsement, to read the classified material and then answer "yes or no" questions to the former Supreme Court president Yitzhak Kahan.

The committee held two votes. The first, 10 against 9, ruled that there was no need to summon security officials to explain why they objected to the attorneys seeing one of the documents in question. Chairman Abba Eban abstained. The 10 were mainly Likud members and the nine mainly Alignment members.

Had Eban voted with his colleagues and caused a tie vote, he could have had the security officials appear before the committee.

The committee then held the second vote and approved letting the attorneys see the material. The two who voted against were Victor Shemtov (Mapam) and Yosef Sarid (CRM). Two Labour men, Uzi Baram and Shevah Weiss, abstained.

The general thrust of the views of the Alignment members on the committee was that the cabinet agree-

ment to release the material for the attorneys' perusal was a surrender to Sharon's political pressure. The general thrust of the views of the Likud members was that once Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin had accepted the principle of releasing the classified material, it was illogical for their colleagues in the committee to protest.

Dan Meridor (Likud) said that both attorneys could be trusted to keep the material to themselves, hence the committee had no need to summon security officials.

Rafael Eitan (Tehiya) said the entire Kahan commission report should have been torn up and thrown into the wastepaper basket. Zevulun Hammer (NRP) said he could not accept Sharon's argument that his libel suit was the case of the Jewish people versus Time magazine.

Yosef Sarid (CRM) said that Sharon's main purpose was to overturn the Kahan commission report which had faulted him.

Ehud Olmert (LA'AM) said the fact that Sharon was a former defence minister inevitably lent the libel suit national significance.

Also yesterday, in a closely related development, Mordechai Bar-On (CRM) wrote to Barak asking him to issue a formal statement that the findings and recommendations of the Kahan commission on Sabra and Shatilla would be in no way

impaired by the outcome of the Sharon libel suit in New York.

Bar-On recalled that the points on which Kahan faulted Sharon were not connected in any way to the magazine's allegations which Sharon was trying to refute.

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir yesterday announced that he will not permit the questioning of the Mossad's deputy chief and of Industry and Trade Minister's Ariel Sharon's aide Uri Dan in Sharon's libel suit against Time magazine.

The New York court in which the suit is taking place has requested that the Mossad's deputy chief be questioned regarding Sharon's meetings in Bikfaya and Karantina on September 15, 1982, and regarding his ties to Time reporter David Halevy in connection with those meetings. The court requested that Dan be questioned on the same meetings.

In his letter to Judge Moshe Nachat, director of Israel's courts, Zamir said that on the basis of the Legal Assistance to Foreign States Law (consolidated version) 1977, and of consultation with security and political elements, he concluded that "conducting the above examinations of witnesses would be liable to harm national security and public welfare."

Zamir also notified Time and Sharon's lawyers of his decision.

IN THE KNESSET / By Aryeh Rubinstein and Asher Wallfish

Geula Cohen motion for death penalty is rejected

The coalition split yesterday on a motion for the agenda by Geula Cohen (Tehiya) calling for the death penalty for cruel or brutal murders by terrorists. It rejected the motion, 28-26.

Cohen said this would not require new legislation since the death penalty can be imposed for such a crime. But it has never been implemented in ordinary criminal cases. Beasts must not be permitted to live, Cohen said.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim replied that the government does not give orders to the prosecution. The latter is free to request the death penalty for murder if it thinks this is warranted. But it has never done so.

Nissim noted that in 1968 or 1969 the government had given a standing order to the State Attorney's Office not to demand the death penalty for terrorist murderers. But about five years ago, the government cancelled that order.

There are good reasons for not demanding the death penalty against terrorists, but it would not be wise to air these in public. He moved that Cohen's motion be referred to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, although he said this did not mean he supported anything she had said.

Bills against Racism

Two bills to prevent racism, one presented by Mapam and the other by the Communists, were defeated by the coalition, with the Alignment abstaining on Mapam's bill.

Nissim replied that if it were not for the educational aspect, there would be no need for a special law against racist incitement, since existing laws were adequate to cover such an offence.

Nissim said that he expected the government, "in an extremely short

time," to approve and submit to the Knesset a bill drafted by the Justice Ministry.

Mapam later issued a press communique charging the Alignment faction with having "raped its conscience" by supporting Nissim's stand, after they had previously approved.

Nuclear Power

Likud MK Uriel Linn, one of the economic experts in the bloc's Liberal Party wing, said that Israel cannot afford to purchase a nuclear power station to generate electricity.

Speaking in the Knesset Economic Committee in a discussion on the fuel and power economy attended by Energy Minister Moshe Shahal, Linn said that an atomic plant would cost \$2.05 billion to build, whereas a coal-fired plant built inland would cost \$1 b., and a coal-fired plant on the seashore, \$1.32 b.

An additional outlay would be needed to cool a plant built inland, he said.

Linn said that one kilowatt generated in an atomic plant would cost 4.21 cents at a discount rate of 6 per cent, and 5.28 cents at a discount rate of 8 per cent.

But one kilowatt generated in a coal-fired plant would cost only 5.22 cents, he said.

Election Propaganda

Reforms in the present legislation governing election propaganda will be one of the first spheres tackled by the coalition committee on electoral reform chaired by Economics and Planning Minister Gad Ya'acobi.

At a meeting yesterday, the Ya'acobi committee decided to study four separate proposals for a mixed system of elections, embracing elements of proportional representation and of the constituency system.

Britain had plan in 1954 to invade Israel from south

LONDON (AP). - Britain's military chiefs drew up a contingency plan in 1954 to invade Israel, according to cabinet papers from that year made public yesterday.

The documents, released by law after 30 years, also included a description of former Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin as a "viper."

The invasion plan was drawn up after Jordan pressed Sir Winston Churchill's Conservative government on how Britain would respond to an Israeli attack on Jordan, the cabinet was told.

The invasion, which would have been necessary under Britain's trea-

ty commitment to defend Jordan, would have involved British troops attacking Israel from the south.

The cabinet agreed, though, not to disclose to Jordan the existence of the invasion plan.

The cabinet papers also revealed why Begin, leader of the Herut Party, was not allowed to visit Britain in 1954.

When asked if Begin would be granted a visa, a senior Foreign Office official told the cabinet: "I hope we shall firmly repel this viper from our bosom. One should not dwell on the past, but there are limits to forgiveness and expediency."

Passerby spots bomb in downtown J'lem

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A large homemade bomb hidden in a bag next to a public water fountain was discovered by a passerby in downtown Jerusalem yesterday. It was later neutralized by the police bomb squad.

The device, consisting of about two kilograms of explosive and a simple timing device, was spotted by Jerusalemite Meir Artaji in Daniel Park opposite the City Hall offices on Jaffa Road.

Artaji called the police and within a short time a crew of bomb disposal experts were on the scene.

Using their remote-controlled robot, the crew neutralized the bomb before it was set to go off.

One such call involved a small crater discovered near Jaffa Gate, thought to have been caused by a bomb, even though nobody reported hearing an explosion. Sappers and laboratory experts were unable to discover any evidence that there had been an explosion.

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an outstanding personality who greatly contributed to the development of Israel, and send our deepest sympathy to his children and family.

Henry and Juliet Pfeiffer
Aryeh and Karen Rand
Alex and Ruth Pfeiffer

We regret to announce with great sorrow the passing of our beloved father and grandfather

MOSHE (Max) ROWE

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, January 2, 1985, at 6 p.m. at the Old Cemetery, Hof Hacarmel, Haifa. We shall meet at main entrance.

Dov Rowe
Jacob Rowe
Joshua Rowe
Rivka Kneller
and their families.

Shiv'a at the home of the Kneller family, 8 Rehov Yona, Ramat Gan.

Buses will leave at 3.30 p.m. from the Yad Hanadiv offices, 16 Ibn Gabirol St., Jerusalem.

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the former director general of the Rothschild Foundation and share the profound grief of the family.



The parents and grandparents of prematurely born Uri celebrate his "redemption of first-born" ceremony at the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem yesterday. Uri's birth was induced six weeks early, after ultra-sonic equipment detected a defect in his urinary tract. He is to undergo surgery prior to his brit mila (circumcision).

KAWASME

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are missing. "We are not aware of any others and want these four returned or definite information about their fate."

Assad, a Druse sergeant disappeared in South Lebanon in April 1982 and was last known to be held by Naef Hawatme's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine now based in Damascus.

The DFPLP claimed he was killed during an Israeli air raid on one of their bases on Palm Island, of the Lebanese port of Tripoli, last July. Israel has never accepted this claim.

Baumel, Katz and Feldman are believed to have been taken prisoner during a tank battle with Syrian forces at Sultan Ya'akub on June 11, 1982.

Goren denied that Israel was, in fact, conducting indirect negotiations with the PLO and stressed that the Kawasme family had been urged to use their connections with the Jordanian government, "including, if necessary, the king."

The family's request to have Kawasme buried in the town was conveyed to Goren by leading West Bankers Saturday evening.

The American consulate in Jerusalem was also asked to use their influence and approaches to the

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Haifa rejects pollution report

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Mayor Arye Gurel yesterday called for urgent talks with Prime Minister Shimon Peres concerning his row with the Energy Ministry over air pollution from the Oil Refineries plant here.

The request follows recently published recommendations from a government appointed committee which studies the effects of high sulphur fuel used at the refineries and the Israel Electric Corporation's bedside power station.

The committee's findings sub-

stantiated Energy Minister Moshe Shahal's assertion that the use of low sulphur fuel would cost the economy \$70 million a year.

Shahal had blocked implementation of an Interior Ministry order compelling the Oil Refineries to use low sulphur fuel pending the committee report. The order was aimed at reducing sulphur dioxide emissions from the refineries, to alleviate Haifa's air pollution problem.

Gurel, who is chairman of the regional environmental protection unit, has rejected the committee report. He charged that the study

had been conducted hastily and was superficial and could not be taken seriously. He has ordered the environmental protection unit to continue operating on the basis of the Interior Ministry's order.

Gurel maintained that the use of low sulphur fuel would cost the economy an extra \$20m. a year, while other measures, including the installation of anti-pollution equipment at the refineries, would be even cheaper.

He accused Shahal, also a resident of Haifa, of being "insensitive" to the distress air pollution causes.

U.S.-Israel naval exercise 'excellent'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The recent joint exercise by ships of the U.S. Sixth Fleet and the Israeli Navy had "excellent" results, according to U.S. Navy Captain Phillip Olson.

The exercise was the first of its kind.

Olson commands the nuclear-powered guided-missile cruiser, USS Mississippi. It took part together with the nuclear aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower and Israeli submarines, in the exercise, two weeks ago.

The Mississippi is in Haifa for a second visit until the end of the week.

Olson said the Israeli naval personnel are "very professional" and he was glad to have had the opportunity to work with them.

The anti-submarine warfare exercise concentrated on communications, command and control procedures "to our mutual benefit," he said.

Later this month, three more Sixth Fleet ships are due for short visits.

Beersheba council votes to request closing waste site

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — The City Council here on Monday night voted unanimously to ask for the immediate closure of the national toxic waste disposal site in Ramat Hovav, 12 kilometres south of here. It was also decided to set up a seven-member team of specialists to find out which chemicals are produced in this area and how they might affect the city and its populace.

The committee is to file its first report by March 1.

Mayor Eliahu Navi reminded the council that in 1978, when the site was proposed, "nobody dreamed that the site would become national rather than regional. Now the Negev is being turned into the national garbage dump."

The dangers inherent in transporting hazardous substances were brought up, and it was decided to ask the authorities to immediately stop all transports of waste to Ramat Hovav. It was also decided to press for a road to bypass Beersheba so as to reduce the risk.

Mubarak off to Washington in March

Post Middle East Reporter and agencies
Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will visit Washington in March for talks with President Ronald Reagan.

This was announced on Cairo Radio yesterday by Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid, who said the talks would "focus on how to bring all the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the PLO, to the negotiating table."

Abdel-Meguid's reference to the PLO underscores what has emerged as Cairo's official position since last month's key summit in Cairo be-

tween Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein. Then, the two leaders agreed to coordinate their peace strategy, and confirmed that this would have to take account of the PLO.

Official Egyptian spokesmen have made it increasingly plain over the past few weeks that Cairo is no longer prepared to negotiate the future of the West Bank and the Gaza District on behalf of the Palestinians, and that any further movement on this issue is going to have to be within a framework acceptable to Yasser Arafat and his mainstream PLO.

Kiryat Shmona rallies behind general

Jerusalem Post Reporter
KIRYAT SHMONA. — The local municipality yesterday published a statement in support of OC Northern Command, Aluf Orr Ori.

Orr was criticized this week in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee for allegedly making "political statements." Orr had told a group of local residents that,

while the IDF would do all they could to defend Kiryat Shmona and Galilee, they could not guarantee that sometimes a Katyusha would not fall in the area. Such guarantees, he reportedly said, were "slogans."

The statement said: "Orr's talk did much to calm people's feelings. No one of any political persuasion saw it as political."

Music Academy head resigns post

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Michal Smoira-Cohen, head of the Jerusalem Music Academy, has resigned, effective February 1. She will continue as head of the music programme of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

Prof. Mendel Rodan will be acting head of the academy, and Prof.

Alexander Tamir has been appointed dean of studies. The academy is looking for an administrative head to cope with expanded activities resulting from the expected move to the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University where the academy has acquired the building of the former Baerwald School of Social work.

Tel Aviv plans private traffic crackdown

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv city hall has declared war on car owners.

"We want private car owners from outside the city to know they just can't come freely into our town with their cars. Our roads and parking lots are not increasing in proportion to the cars coming here every day," deputy mayor Dov Ben-Meir told a press conference yesterday.

Starting next week, he announced several main arteries into Tel Aviv from the North will have special public transportation lanes.

Danny Holtzman, general manager of Netiv Ayalon transportation project in the greater Tel Aviv area, said hardships will purposely be caused to incoming private car owners. "Starting Monday, only two of the present three lanes will be reserved for their use," he said.

Plans are being made to do the same with roads out of the city.

The newly dedicated public transport lanes are on Derech Haifa extending from Pinkas Street to Arlosoroff Street and on Hamaag Street from Hahashmonaim up to Hamales Streets near the Central Bus Station.

Except for about a 300 metre portion of Derech Haifa (from Arlosoroff to Shaul Hamelech Boulevard) the public transport lane will stretch uninterrupted from Pinkas to the vicinity of the Central Bus station.

In a question and answer session however, it became evident that the municipality is not prepared for the problems that the new traffic regulations will cause.

For example, Ben-Meir said alternative transportation routes won't be available to motorists for several months. Yet improved public transport service is only in the planning stage, as are greater traffic laws enforcement and illegal parking controls. This includes, Ben-Meir says, the use of "the Denver boot," a special lock attached to the wheels of illegally parked cars. These devices are intended to insure prompt payment of traffic fines which, at present, is only laxly enforced. Also greater numbers of inspectors will issue parking tickets. At present only 97 inspectors are employed and they are also busy with other inspection jobs.



Italian Tourism Minister Lello Lagorio (right) arrives in Israel yesterday and is greeted by Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir. The two ministers are to sign a tourism pact. (See story below.) (Zoom 77)

Interior Ministry may want to censor films, plays

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz may not forgo the authority of film and play censorship after all, one of his aides told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Shortly after assuming the Interior portfolio, Peretz hinted that the duties of previewing films and play scripts might better be handled by another office, and Education Ministry officials have already been discussing the possibility of assuming that responsibility.

But Peretz's aide said: "The minister is re-assessing his suggestion of having film and play censorship moved elsewhere. He now fears that such a move could lead to an abandonment of censorship altogether. What is more, there is a chance that film and play review boards established outside this ministry may consist of people

whose values are less stringent than those prevailing among members of our review boards."

During the past year alone, the aide said, 90 unauthorized films were seized by "Sonia's Commandos," special ministry inspectors — backed up by policemen — who raid suspected cinemas. Sonia is the name of the ministry official who directs the enforcement workers.

Most of the 90 films featured so-called "hard" pornography and some were disallowed because of an over-abundance of sadism and/or sexual perversion scenes.

According to law, no film may be shown in a cinema unless it carries a stamp of approval from the ministry's film review unit. Cinema operators have been known to forge the unit's rubber stamp or change the title of the questionable film to that of an approved film for which a stamped approval form is on hand in the theatre's office.

Herzog criticizes towns which protest

Jerusalem Post Reporter
MIGDAL HA'EMEK. — President Chaim Herzog yesterday criticized development towns and poor neighborhoods, which "protest loudly about their problems rather than work quietly to solve them."

He said on his visit here that towns which gave themselves a bad name could not hope to attract newcomers and investors.

Herzog found a positive atmosphere and an optimistic spirit in the town, which suffers from "marginal unemployment," according to Mayor Shaul Amur. Herzog was told that if the government unemployment benefits were cut, young men who take the allowances would go

out to work and that there are jobs waiting for them.

He toured Nilit, a firm making nylon fibres set up by an Italian Jew whose son fell in the Yom Kippur War. Labour Minister Moshe Katav will do a day's work there next week as part of his effort to demonstrate the need for working hands. Herzog also toured PECB, an electronics plant, and met youngsters at the local community centre.

Amur asked Herzog for a "lift" in the small army plane that was to take him back to the capital. Herzog, who has a pilot's licence surprised him by getting into the co-pilot's seat and piloting the plane to Atarot outside Jerusalem.

Rome-Israel fares to be discussed

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Air fares from Rome to Ben-Gurion Airport are higher than those from Rome to Amman, Cairo and Madrid, tourism officials said yesterday.

The claim came in a statement announcing the opening of talks between visiting Italian Tourism Minister Lello Lagorio and Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir. Sharir is expected to ask that the fares to Israel be brought down to those of other destinations in the Mediterranean.

Sharir is also expected to press for permission for Arkia to open a line to and from Milan. Other topics include the possibility of arranging tours of Catholic pilgrims from third world countries to Italy and Israel. A tourism agreement is expected to be signed today.

Lagorio, a former defence minister and as mayor of Florence, is also due to call upon Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir today.

Israel plans to attend annual Cairo trade fair

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Israel, for the fifth straight year, plans to participate in the Cairo International Trade Fair scheduled for March.

Among the countries expected to take part are many that do not

maintain diplomatic or commercial ties with Israel.

The 1,000-square-metre Israeli pavilion will include exhibits by Agrexco, the Cattle Breeders Association, the Israel Building Centre and Amcor.

Works committees may fix erosion indemnity

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Private sector unions will be authorized to negotiate compensation for wage erosion at the plant level, if the talks between the Histadrut and the employers remain deadlocked.

The coordinating committee of the Histadrut's trade union department decided yesterday to oppose signing a new package deal until agreement is reached on payment of compensation.

However, trade union sources said after the meeting that the decision to transfer the issue to the plant level would make it possible to hold the package deal negotiations at the same time that compensation issue is being decided by individual works committees.

Metalworkers and Electricians

Union secretary Yitzhak Giladi said that plant-level negotiations will put pressure on the employers. If some employers decide to pay the compensation, others will be under pressure to do likewise, he said.

The Histadrut is demanding compensation for wage erosion suffered since the private sector work agreement was signed in mid-1983. The Histadrut has claimed erosion of some 8 per cent since then, but the manufacturers deny that wages eroded at all.

Trade Union Department chairman Haim Haberfeld told the committee that the Histadrut has rejected an employers' proposal that the payment of compensation be incorporated in a new package deal. The compensation must be paid before the Histadrut agrees to a new deal, Haberfeld said.

Self-employed want a role in drafting new package deal

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Union of Self-Employed Professionals has decided that its members would not abide by a follow-up package deal unless their representatives were party to the agreements.

The union held a general meeting last week and decided to inform Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i that it would not feel bound by a new agreement if the union is not fully represented on the National Economic Council. The council, which groups senior members of the government, the Histadrut and the manufacturers, will hold its first

meeting on a new package deal tomorrow morning.

Previous requests to Moda'i and Prime Minister Shimon Peres to include representatives of the self-employed on the council have not produced results, according to union chairman Eldad Bukspan.

The union stressed that its members had kept to the present package deal, despite their lack of representation and the hardships it entailed.

The union also decided to oppose the proposed changes in the tax laws, which, it said, would discriminate against the self-employed.

J'lem chosen for world tourism meet

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Skai International, a fraternal organization of tourism executives, has elected an Israeli as its president and will hold its annual convention in Jerusalem in November. International president Jules Horowitz told a press conference here yesterday that several Arab countries, including Jordan, Lebanon, Tunisia and Egypt, are members of Skai International.

He said that a condition for holding the international convention in Jerusalem was that the government agree to allow Skai delegates from all countries to enter Israel and that the flags of all countries represented at the convention be displayed on the rostrum.

Horowitz said he has not heard of delegations refusing to come because the convention is being held in Israel.

Plot to poison Elite, Tnuva goods revealed

TEL AVIV (Ilim). — A plot to blackmail the Elite and Tnuva companies with the threat of poisoning their products was disclosed by Magistrate's Court here yesterday following a weeklong news blackout.

The court remanded for an additional 10 days three members of a Kiryat Bialik family.

Shaul Hirshkowitz, 48, "minimarket" owner from Kiryat Bialik, his wife Hava-Hannah, 48, and their son Tuvia, along with Kiryat Motzkin resident Yerachmiel Itzkovitz, are suspected of having sent the Elite company a letter on December 23 demanding a \$20,000 "loan." Otherwise, the note said, its candy products would be poisoned and the fact would be publicized. A similar note was later received by the Tnuva dairies. Itzkovitz was ordered released.

Police asked for a news blackout to give them time to determine whether the plot extended beyond

Unlicensed 'penthouse' torn down in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — City workers yesterday morning demolished an illegally built 50 square metre "penthouse" extension on the roof of a four-storey building in Rehov Herzliya.

A demolition order for the structure, put up without a licence, had been issued by the courts.

The city spokesman announced that the city will continue to crack down on illegal buildings.

We announce with deep grief the death in old age of our dear

DVORA YECHIELI-FLASHTIG ז"ל

The funeral will take place today, Wednesday, January 2, 1985 at 10.30 a.m., at the Kfar Samir Cemetery, Haifa. We shall meet at the main gate.

The Bereaved Family

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Masha Lubelsky Secretary General NA'AMAT

The World Labour Zionist Movement We profoundly grieve at the untimely passing of our beloved

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The ISAACSON FAMILY

mourns the passing of a veteran Zionist and a beautiful human being, our "Fetter Benjamin," whose love of Israel and the people of Israel was only surpassed by his love of family

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We extend sincere sympathy to Jessie, the children, the grandchildren, and to brother David. His nieces and nephews: Rabbi Irwin and Esther Isaacson, Bayside, New York

Drs. Israel and Janice Isaacson, St. Louis, MO. Dr. Joel and Judith Isaacson, Rehovot, Israel. Dr. Philips and Hasida Toltzis, Brookline, MA.

The South African Embassy in Israel announces with sorrow the death after a long illness of

Dr. CHARLES B. FINCHAM

South African Ambassador to Israel until 1978

and wishes to extend its heartfelt sympathy to his wife and family in South Africa.

U.S., Soviets gear up for Geneva arms talks

PALM SPRINGS, California. — President Ronald Reagan, making final preparations for U.S.-Soviet arms talks in Geneva next week, is holding a series of strategy meetings with advisers to decide the position he will put to Moscow.

Reagan, holidaying in this desert resort, mixed business with pleasure, playing golf and conferring with his National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane.

McFarlane delivered six option papers on the January 7-8 talks between Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to Reagan at the weekend.

The president was due to hold a roundtable discussion with Shultz, McFarlane and Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger yesterday.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said no detailed outline of the U.S. position would be announced prior to the Geneva meeting.

U.S. officials have said the Shultz-Gromyko talks would encompass both offensive and defensive weapons, but have denied that Reagan's \$26 billion "Star Wars" anti-missile programme would be used as a bargaining chip.

The U.S. also has rejected a Soviet-proposed moratorium on the

development and deployment of anti-satellite weapons but might consider a temporary halt in testing.

In a commentary notable for its absence of criticism of the West, the Communist Party daily *Pravda* said yesterday that the Soviet Union and its allies look with hope to next week's talks in Geneva.

"The new year gives rise to new hopes," the *Pravda* commentary said. "It is with such sentiments that peace-minded people in the world have received the news of new Soviet-American talks. The Soviet Union is willing to achieve mutually acceptable accords on all questions relating to nuclear and space armaments. We are ready to look for most radical solutions to all these problems."

Pope John Paul said yesterday the new round of arms talks between the U.S. and the Soviet Union offered a glimmer of hope, but that only a radical change in relations between nations would ensure lasting peace.

In one of his most comprehensive statements on the arms race, the pontiff, speaking to thousands of people in St. Peter's Square on the Roman Catholic Church's World Day of Peace, said the talks this month in Geneva offered "a glimmer of hope" after more than a year of doubts. (Reuters, AP)

Hero of subway shootout in NY surrenders

NEW YORK (Reuters). — An electrical engineer, described as quiet and friendly, has surrendered to police for a crime that thousands of New Yorkers considered a Christmas present — the shooting of four threatening youths on a city subway train.

Bernard Hugo Goetz, 37, turned himself in to police Monday in Concord, New Hampshire, where he had fled with New York police hot on his trail, chief of detectives Richard Nicastro said here.

On December 22, a white man fitting Goetz's description was confronted on an underground train by four black youths, according to witnesses, and when they demanded money he pulled out a silver-plated pistol and shot all four.

Three of the youths are expected to recover and one is believed to be paralyzed for life. Three of them were armed with screwdrivers, a way of contravening New York's anti-knife laws.

Police set up a special telephone number to get information on the gunman. But it was inundated with thousands of calls from New Yorkers who praised the shooting and said they were tired of being intimidated on the city's transit system.

Chinese give up control on farm products

PEKING (Reuters). — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang yesterday announced the state would end its 30-year-old monopoly on buying and selling major agricultural products this year, the official New China News Agency reported.

"This is what we have hoped but dared not do for many years. Now we are able to do it as conditions are ripe," Zhao was quoted as saying.

The move is the latest in a series of radical economic reforms introduced by Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping over the past five years that have set the country on a new course away from the ultra-leftist policies of the late chairman Mao Tse-tung.

Zhao, addressing a New Year gathering of 300 Chinese public figures, described it as the second major move in the reform of China's agriculture since the introduction of

highly successful changes five years ago.

Zhao said the state would now adopt a more flexible approach to selling major agricultural products towards marketing, although the government would maintain a central role.

In the remarks quoted by NCNA, Zhao did not spell out what agricultural products were affected or exactly when the move would take effect.

But he described them as major crops, according to the agency, and said that in general it would not cause price rises. However he said there should be price changes for a limited number of industrial products in 1985.

The government now subsidizes almost all aspects of Chinese life including food, rent, transport and clothing.

Subsidies account for more than a quarter of government spending and

Zhao has previously warned that this must be reduced.

He promises changes in pay for teachers and workers in state institutions this year, including those involved in science, technology, culture, education and public health.

Meanwhile, China's top leader Deng Xiaoping revealed in a speech published yesterday that he personally supervised a crime crackdown launched 18 months ago in which thousands of people have been executed.

China has not disclosed the total number of people sentenced to death in the anti-crime blitz. But the London-based human rights group Amnesty International estimated at least 5,000 died in the first year.

Some Hongkong based lawyers have said they believe as many as 10,000 people had been executed since the clampdown began in August 1983.

Plane hijacked to Cuba arrives safely in U.S.

NEW YORK (Reuters). — An American Airlines plane with 197 people aboard arrived in New York early yesterday after being hijacked to Cuba by a man identified by U.S. television as a convicted murderer.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Authority said the hijacker was being flown from the Virgin Islands to stand trial in New York when he seized control of the plane.

He overpowered his three armed guards, grabbed a gun and forced the plane to land in Havana, where he surrendered to Cuban authorities, the spokesman added.

The U.S. Cable News Network identified him as Ismael Labeet who was convicted of involvement in the murder of eight people at a golf club on the Virgin Island of St. Croix in 1972.

A U.S. police source said the authorities suspected Labeet was the hijacker but that he had not been positively identified.

The FAA spokesman said that the hijacker was in Cuban custody. If Cuba refuses to extradite him to the U.S., it is likely he will be tried for air piracy in Cuba.

There have been more than a dozen hijackings of U.S. airliners in the past 12 months and last year the Cuban authorities announced stricter penalties for hijackers, with possible jail sentences of up to 20 years.

Kampuchea premier dies of heart attack

BANGKOK. — Vietnam said yesterday that Chan Si, prime minister of the Hanoi-backed government in Kampuchea, died of a heart attack Monday.

Asian diplomats said in Moscow last Friday that Chan Si had died in the Soviet capital although they could not give a date. But the official Vietnam News Agency (VNA), monitored here, reported that he had died Monday.

VNA said Chan Si, 50, fought against French rule in the 1950s and against the U.S. in 1970. It said he left the Khmer Rouge movement in 1973, two years before it took over Kampuchea.

He joined the Vietnamese-backed United Front for the Salvation of Kampuchea in 1978, a year before Vietnamese troops toppled the Khmer Rouge.

Chan Si was defence minister in the government backed by the Vietnamese before becoming prime minister in 1982.

Meanwhile, Vietnamese forces inflicted a sharp setback to Kampuchean guerrillas in night combat inside Rithisen, while Hanoi's troops clashed at least twice with Thai defenders in raids across the Thai frontier. Thai military officers and guerrilla soldiers said yesterday.

Kampuchean guerrillas interviewed near the battlefield of Rithisen said Vietnamese gunners poured artillery and tank fire against their positions on New Year's Eve and early yesterday, killing about 20 Kampuchean and wounding 40 others. (Reuters, AP)

Speed limits lowered on Swiss highways

GENEVA (AP). — Drivers on Swiss roads face lower speed limits and new taxes on highway use as a traffic law package took effect on New Year's Day.

The speed limit outside cities has been lowered to 80 kilometres per hour from 100 kph. On the four-lane superhighways, the maximum was lowered from 130 kph to 120 kph.

The city speed limit remains 50 kph unless otherwise indicated.

The new limits are part of a government effort to reduce air pollution by motor vehicles, which is partly responsible for widespread damage to Swiss forests.

Peking officials get shorter lunch break

PEKING (Reuters). — The New Year holiday gave Peking public servants one last chance for a midday nap yesterday — the state has halved the two-hour lunch break.

From today, instead of a refreshing midday snooze and work until six, the 60,000 officials will have only an hour's break in the middle of the day, then leave their offices at five and have more time in the evening for housework and social life.

"I think it is a very good idea, although it will take some getting used to at first," a young Foreign

Ministry official said.

But older bureaucrats accustomed to an after-lunch nap for 30 years may have trouble adapting to a one-hour break.

Peking has cut the catnap partly because the long lunch brought complaints from foreign businessmen hustling for contracts, the newspaper *China Daily* said.

Many Chinese companies have also been irritated by having to wait for documents or information while the country's administrators snored on desks, chairs, campbeds and floors between twelve and two.

Man to pay ex-wife for keep as student

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters). — A woman who worked to help pay for her husband to attend medical school won a court battle Monday over her claim for compensation from him following the breakup of their marriage.

The California Supreme Court ruled in favour of Janet Sullivan who has claimed she should be repaid for contributing towards the education of her former husband, Mark.

The couple were divorced in 1978

and a lower court threw out the claim by Sullivan.

The Supreme Court Monday sent the case back to the lower court for proceedings to decide the amount of compensation.

Partly as a result of the case, the California legislature passed a law, which took effect yesterday, which allows for a spouse to be reimbursed if he or she helps pay for an education that enhances the earning power of the other spouse.

Mubarak frees Egypt's Coptic pope

CAIRO (Reuters). — President Hosni Mubarak yesterday ordered the release of Pope Shenouda III, the spiritual leader of Egypt's estimated six million Copts. Egypt's Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

The agency said that Shenouda, stripped of his temporal powers and banished to a desert monastery northeast of Cairo by the late president Anwar Sadat in September

1981, would resume his duties from yesterday.

Shenouda, 62, was accused by Sadat of fomenting sectarian strife and meddling in politics.

Shenouda, who claims a following of up to 22 million mainly in Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Australia, Canada and the U.S., is expected to celebrate a Coptic Christmas mass at midnight on January 6 at St. Mark's Cathedral in central Cairo.

Nigeria frees prisoners on coup anniversary

LONDON (AP). — Nigeria's military government has freed more than 2,500 prisoners to mark the first anniversary of the December 31, 1983 coup that brought it to power, the British Broadcasting Corporation reported yesterday.

About 150 of the prisoners were political detainees, the BBC said.

The newscast said that Nigerian head of state Maj.-Gen. Muhamma-

du Buhari said in a nationwide broadcast that the amnesty reflected the government's resolve that no one should be detained longer than necessary.

Buhari said efforts will be made to speed up investigations into the activities of those still being held.

Total figures of prisoners and detainees still held were not given.

India impounds journalist's passport

NEW DELHI (AP). — The Indian government on Monday impounded the passport of an Associated Press newsmen who faces preliminary charges of sedition and inciting communal discord in connection with his reporting on the army assault in Punjab last June.

Brahma Chellaney, 27, surrendered his passport at the regional passport office of the Ministry of

External Affairs on the order of the government.

He is the first journalist since India's independence in 1947 to be charged with sedition, punishable by life imprisonment. He also is the first newsmen to face charges under the new Terrorist Areas Act that sets up special closed courts and assumes that the accused is guilty and must prove his innocence.

Japanese protesters rocket U.S. consulate

TOKYO (AP). — Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone left for Los Angeles on New Year's Day to meet with President Ronald Reagan as leftist radicals fired three "rockets" at a U.S. consulate and others marched in Tokyo streets to oppose U.S.-Japan military cooperation.

The hand-made missiles were fired at the consulate in Kobe, western Japan, but there were no reports of injuries or damage to the consulate building. Members of a radical group declared that the attack was a protest against Nakasone's sche-

duled meeting with Reagan in Los Angeles today.

More than 700 radicals rallied at three places in downtown Tokyo and marched on the streets, shouting "Smash Nakasone's visit and stop closer U.S.-Japan military ties." Police arrested four radicals on charges of violating Tokyo public security regulations.

Sports

Maccabi take Cup

LONDON (AP). — Maccabi Tel Aviv survived a powerful comeback by Red Star Belgrade yesterday to win their fifth Phillips title 98-96 in the International Club Basketball Tournament at Crystal Palace.

Lee Johnson, scored 42 points and took 14 rebounds to spearhead the Israeli club's surge, which put them 16 points ahead midway in the second half.

But Yugoslav international players Zoran Radovic and Stobodan Nikolic shot brilliantly over Maccabi's defence to close the gap in the final 90 seconds.

The leading scorers: Maccabi — Johnson 42, Berkowitz 25, Red Star — Nikolic 18, Radovic 16.

In other results, Manchester defeated Kingston (England) 98-87 in a contest to decide third and fourth places. Sao Paulo outshot Atlanta in Action 111-109 to win fifth place and host Crystal Palace downed Maffay 96-88 to take seventh place.

Woe to Windies

Post Sports Staff Agencies

The development for which the cricketing world has been waiting for several years has taken place in Sydney — the apparently invincible West Indian team under Clive Lloyd are in deep, deep trouble. It is not that the West Indians are hated; on the contrary, they are universally liked. But everyone wants to see a champion humbled.

After Australia had declared at 471 for 9, largely due to Kepler Wessells' heroic 173 and Allan Border's 69, West Indies were pulverised for 163 in their first innings, and, following on, are 31 for 1.

Fast bowler Craig McDermott, 19, nicknamed "The Tigger," dismissed Greenidge and Richardson with the score at 34. Then leg-spinner Bob Holland, twice McDermott's age, tore through the rest of the West Indian side, taking six for 54 in 22 overs. Only Clive Lloyd (133) and Haynes (56) offered any resistance. The wicket is wearing. The last five wickets fell for three runs.

Following on, the West Indians lost Haynes to McDermott for 3.

Australia 271/9 dec. W.I. 163 and 23/1. The atmosphere was tense, at times unpleasant. The umpires have issued charges that Border, Steve Rixon and Vis Richards indulged in abuse and disregarded requests to discontinue.

Only four overs were bowled in the England-India test in Calcutta, before torrential rain interrupted play. India are 176 for four.

English soccer

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Chelsea 1, Notts F. 0
Coventry 4, Stoke 0
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Ipswich 2, Norwich 0
Leicester 1, Southampton 2
Manchester U. 1, Sheffield W. 2
Newcastle 3, Sunderland 1
Watford 1, Liverpool 1
West Ham 2, QPR

Division Two

Barnsley 1, Blackburn 1
Cardiff 0, Shrewsbury 0
Charlton 0, Brighton 1
Grimsby 5, Huddersfield 1
Gillingham 1, Manchester C. 1
Middlesbrough 0, Oxford 1
Notts C. 0, Crystal Palace 0
Oxford 0, Wimbledon 1
Preston 4, Fulham 4
Sheff. U. 3, Birmingham 4
Wolves 6, Cardiff 2

New tennis force

By JACK LEON

Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Israel Tennis Centre is hoping to reach an agreement with the Israel Tennis Association, whereby the Centre will be given responsibility for the game's entire youth training programme up to the age of 16. This follows the acceptance of the ITC as a full member of the Association on Sunday night at the ITC's extraordinary general meeting despite Hapoel's effort to again delay a final decision on the matter.

ITC heads Killy Friedstein and Ian Frosman told me yesterday: "The Centre's membership of the ITC can inaugurate a whole new era in the development of tennis in Israel. We are now confident that within the next decade tennis will be the No. 1 sport here."

Association chairman David Harari, himself a Hapoel Central Committee member, but still always a keen supporter of ITC affiliation, said: "The Centre's membership of the ITC can only be the good of tennis here."

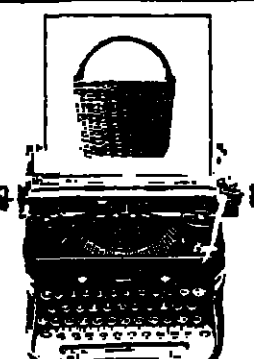
SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE FOOTBALL. — Virginia 27, Purdue 24.

MARATHON. — Olympic marathon champion Carlos Lopez of Portugal won the San Paulo New Year's Eve marathon. Rosa Mota of Portugal won the women's race. Zola Budd won a road race in Zurich.

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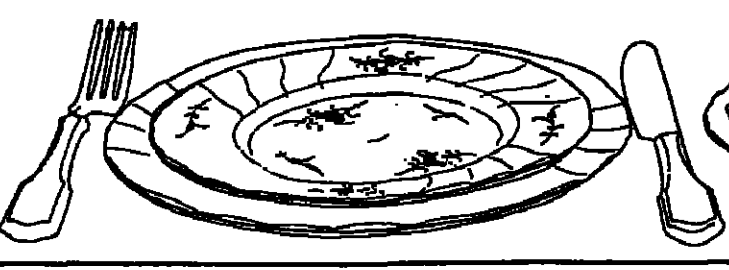
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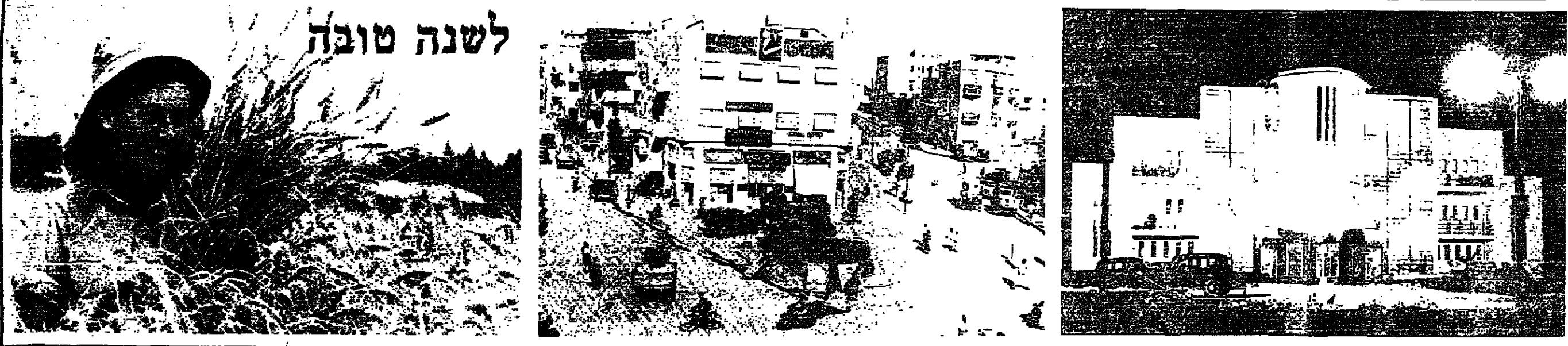


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"FORSAKE ME NOT"

The Post's Lev Bearfield looks at 50 years of history through an extraordinary collection of postcards



Postcards from the Palphot collection (from left): Grain harvester in the '40s carries New Year greetings; Kikar Hamoshavot, Tel Aviv, in 1934; the Bat-Galim Casino in Haifa...and a current stock of 10,000 items.

THE NATION'S FAMILY ALBUM

IT'S ALL in the cards. The cards are the millions of picture postcards produced in this country over the past 50 years by Palphot, the nation's premier purveyor of such items. And what's in them amounts to a sort of pop-culture documentary record of virtually every aspect of the nation's development in the last half-century.

The postcards — if only a few thousand of them — are on display until January 16 at the Herzliya Museum at Yad Lebanim, just a few blocks from the Palphot headquarters and family homestead. The exhibition was initiated by Herzliya Mayor Eli Landau as part of that city's 60th anniversary celebrations, which happens to coincide with Palphot's 50th birthday.

Ranging from the very first Palphot product — a 1934 black-and-white postcard portrait of national poet Chaim Nahman Bialik — to the very latest oversized, heart-shaped or round "Greetings from Israel" in bright Mediterranean colours, the exhibition makes for a fairly dizzying experience.

Synagogues and windsurfers, old landmarks and young yeshiva bochers, army commanders and tropical fish — the visitor strolls from room to room finding it difficult to believe that a country this size can contain such a variety of places and faces, so much flora and fauna, so much cultural heritage, so much to send to the folks on the back of a postcard.

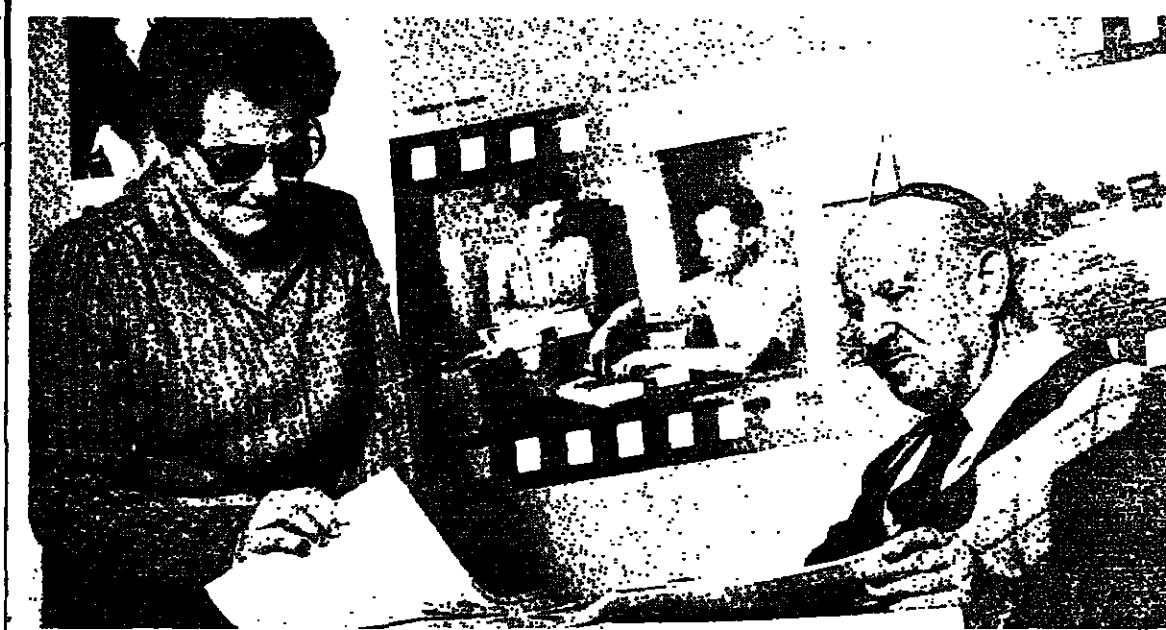
"AND YET," says Tova Dorfzaun, 71, who with her husband Yehuda founded Palphot, "when we first came to the country, I admit I had doubts about succeeding — because here was so little here to photograph. I mean, how can you start a picture postcard company when there's nothing to take pictures of?"

Tova Dorfzaun smiles at the memory, but presses her point. "People today think I'm exaggerating when I say there was almost nothing here 50 years ago, but just think about it. Tel Aviv was hardly a photographic subject. Herzliya was just an outpost with a handful of stone cottages. In between was an awful lot of sand, trees? Birds? Flowers? Even people were hard to find in those days!"

But the Dorfzauns were determined. Yehuda, today 75, had first come to Palestine from his native Frankfurt in 1933, not coincidentally with the ascension to power of Hitler, to study prospects of starting a business. The land may not have offered much to his amateur photographer's eye. But Yehuda saw enough promise to convince him that nation would rise here, and that its people, like people everywhere, would want postcards.

"In Germany I had a cousin in the record business," he recalls, "but I usually worked in my father's furniture business. It was my travels on half of the company that showed me the anti-Semitism that was rampant throughout the country, the hatred that was more easily seen in the towns and villages than in cosmopolitan centres like Frankfurt. That convinced me to visit Palestine, and my visit convinced me that postcards would be an innovative enterprise for the country."

He returned to Germany, and his cousin's help assembled up-to-date photographic printing equipment. Then he married Tova and



Above: Tova and Yehuda Dorfzaun strike a pose similar to one 50 years ago (in background). Postcard below shows Kfar Shmaryahu in 1937, while at right is a view of Jaffa port in the '30s.



promptly made aliya. The Dorfzauns later got their parents to this country, but they were to lose 50 other family members in the Holocaust.

THE YOUNG COUPLE settled first in the Montefiore quarter of Tel Aviv, and three years later moved to the outpost of Herzliya. Today, they occupy the same house they moved into in the late 1930s, although it has been expanded and the Palphot plant, which is still owned entirely by the family, has grown up in its backyard.

Once established again, the Dorfzauns selected an impressive name for their venture — the Palestine Photo Rotation Company, a reference to their modern printing process — and they were all set to start processing photos in their less-than-modern kitchen. The only question that remained was what to depict on their picture postcards.

The "exotic Middle East" — Beirut and camels — was an obvious choice, as was the Old City of Jerusalem, and Jewish and Christian shrines around the country. Palphot's cameramen also roamed as far as Beirut, Damascus and Cairo in search of subjects. Even then the Dorfzauns had their eye on the tourist and pilgrim trade, since many *halutzim* in those days had to think twice about spending precious *prutot* on cards.

But if the early pioneers weren't very promising as customers, they were marvellous as models. All those famous postcards showing muscular men building Jewish cities in the desert and robust maidens merrily harvesting fruit in the kibbutz orchards certainly did their part in promoting to world Jewry, if in a rather romantic way, the idea of Jewish independence.

"I GUESS we made a go of it," says Tova Dorfzaun, "because we made a good team. My husband did the designing and the printing. Together we did the packing. And then I went off to do the selling."

"I'd take two big suitcases, like a regular travelling salesman, and board the train for Haifa or wherever. Then I'd go to the photo shops and other stores and try to sell the postcards."

"Today," she says, "postcards are sold everywhere, but back then they were still a novel item. Nobody had racks for displaying postcards. Kiosks and newsstands couldn't be bothered with them. Here and there a shopowner would keep a shoebox of cards that people could look through. That was the state of the 'industry.'"

The Dorfzauns eventually changed all that. They persuaded merchants to display their cards, and were soon opening up markets for related items like Rosh Hashana greetings, commemorative postcards and printed souvenirs.

Among their early successes were hand-coloured cards showing "Israeli landscapes" (they introduced colour printing in 1951) and packets of ready-made snapshots, a boon to the tourist whose photos never seemed to turn out right.

According to Micha Dorfzaun, 40, innovative marketing ever since is what has made Palphot the unchallenged leader in its field. Micha is one of the three Dorfzaun sons in the business (a fourth son, Yair, was a promising photographer in the 1970s when he was killed on duty with the Israel Defence Forces).

Says Micha: "From the very beginning, this company looked for two things: new ways to put its products before the public — and new items to offer them."

THE EXHIBITION at the Herzliya Museum concentrates on the Palphot mainstay — the postcard — but more than a hint of the company's other products are also on display.

These include posters, books, slide sets, video and audio tapes, hotel brochures, maps, calendars, card games, transfers, stationery, bookmarks, plaques, plates, ashtrays — just about anything on which a colourful picture of the Land of Israel can be reproduced.

And while Palphot imports Disney and Sesame Street novelties for sale in Israel, it handily redresses the balance of trade by manufacturing under contract picture postcards showing Niagara Falls, Buckingham Palace, the Colorado Rockies, Dutch tulip fields, and other tourist attractions from Limassol to Alaska.

"We also export our marketing expertise," says Micha. "Firms abroad have come to believe that Palphot has a special sense about what kind of items will sell, and how to sell them."

That may be why Palphot does not freely divulge secrets. Micha declines to state in dollar terms how much business the company turns over annually, what percentage of the local market it controls (testimates range as high as 95 per cent), or even how many workers the firm employs.

He is also reluctant to show visitors the printing side of the business, or to discuss in detail the plant's new computerized processing.

About the only statistics we could pry out of him are that "Palphot today has a current stock of 10,000 items, with about 5,000 different picture postcards on sale throughout the country on any given day." The inventory, Micha adds, is carefully monitored by computer.

Micha Dorfzaun says he could not reveal, even if he wanted to, how many postcards he and his brothers Hanan and Eli culled through during the 10 months it took to assemble the exhibition. "But I can assure you," he says, "that what you see here is only the tip of the iceberg."

BROWSING AMONG the postcards on display is like taking a rollercoaster ride through the country's last 50 years: Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Circle under construction; Arturo Toscanini posing before his appearance with the Palestine Symphony Orchestra; the Lod "air station" in 1940 (apparently an agreed



Hebrew word for airport had yet to gain currency); Haifa's Bat Galim Casino, complete with sleek black automobiles drawn up outside; the famous photo of Ben-Gurion reading the Declaration of Independence; Jewish fighter pilots of the late 1940s; Palmachniks wearing balacavas; women troops on parade; a Yemenite selling live chickens at Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market; Eilat when it consisted of one mud hut, and modern Eilat featuring bikini-clad beauties.

"A postcard showing an Israeli bathing beauty used to bring us very critical letters, both from home and from Jews abroad," says Micha. "But not so much any more."

"Probably our all-time best-selling postcard," he continues, "was the one showing the troops at the Western Wall during the Six Day War. I think we must have sold 10,000 of that card in very short order."

Micha also points out that in the mid-1960s, his father, with characteristic business acumen, acquired with the help of an intermediary colour plates of about 40 scenes of

such Jordanian-held areas as the Old City of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Jericho. No sooner had the tanks rumbled though in the 1967 war than the Palphot postcard presses started to roll.

"For a long time afterwards," Micha observes, "military subjects were very popular on cards. Today not so much. All subjects — landscapes, animals, whatever — seem to go in cycles in terms of popularity. In any case, war certainly isn't good for our business. A war means a drop in tourism, and you can clearly measure that by sales of picture postcards."

PEACE, though, can also be bad for business. The return of Sinai to the Egyptians, for example, meant the loss of a lot of scenic subjects for the Dorfzaun firm.

But Micha's father recalls the outbreak of World War II as having had the most devastating effect on the Palestine Photo Rotation Company. "It seems," says Yehuda Dorfzaun, "that picture postcards had been used in World War I as a device for smuggling microfilm or other secret materials, disguised or hidden within the carding. As soon as World War II started, the British Mandate authorities immediately forbade sending postcards through the mail. I thought we were finished."

"For a while there we were keeping goats and selling the cheese," says Tova Dorfzaun, taking up the story. "I even worked in the orchards next to Herzliya. Then we finally negotiated with the authorities for the production of these snapshot sets of the Holy Land for the British and Australian soldiers to send home."

She indicates the examples on display in the museum. "They were a great success — and I guess they saved the company at that time."

ITEMS LIKE the soldier's snaps are eagerly sought today by postcard collectors, who are as devoted to their subject as stamp collectors. Micha Dorfzaun says regretfully that Palphot cannot handle requests from collectors of rare cards. But he does hope that the Palphot exhibition will be shown elsewhere in the country, and negotiations to that end are currently underway.

The Herzliya Museum has declared the show an unqualified hit, with visitors coming from all over; a recent Shabbat, officials say, was the busiest day in the museum's history.

All of which proves highly gratifying to the firm's founders: "We have a wonderful country and a wonderful history and a wonderful people," says Yehuda Dorfzaun. "I'm really delighted that so many Israelis have come to enjoy the pictures."

Adds Tova: "I laugh now when I think that 50 years ago I was afraid we wouldn't find what to show on a picture postcard. Who dreamed that the country would develop so rapidly? And if I may say, I think Palphot played a role in helping Israelis to see their own country, and to appreciate all the marvels in it."

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The story that can't be told enough

THE HOLOCAUST story of Ferenc Gondor could easily have been that of a thousand — or ten thousand — Jews of his age who survived the Nazis.

Then why did this Swedish radio journalist write a book about it? He found that not only were many Swedish non-Jews ignorant about the facts, but they were also very interested in hearing them. And since there are thousands of Jewish Holocaust survivors living in Sweden, and many feared telling their children, they have bought the book. "They told me that they bought copies for their children, told them to change the name and a few details and to accept it as their life story," says Gondor.

The Hungarian-born Swede, who has a son in the Israel Defence Forces and a daughter studying to be a teacher in Jerusalem, never spoke about his tragic experiences until the two were barely teenagers.

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH Jerusalem Post Reporter

On the day of his son's bar mitzva, Ferenc decided to walk to the synagogue with his family — a full hour away. When the boy tired of hearing stories about various things, the father decided to tell him his own life's story. The boy was so interested in the Holocaust that by the time they reached the synagogue, the story had not ended. Every Shabbat for weeks, Ferenc continued the saga.

His daughter Hava invited him to speak before her class in school. This led to radio interviews, with one listener — a publisher — offering to print a book.

The result was a slim volume called *A-6171 — A Jewish Destiny* written in Swedish. The first 5,000 copies were printed a month ago. On the cover is a photo of a

pensive Gondor, his face furrowed but his eyes clear, and the tattooed number — A-6171 — prominently on his arm.

GONDOR is asked to speak regularly in the schools about his life experiences; he has appeared in classes in some 30 schools so far. Talking about his sorrows makes them a bit more bearable. According to Jan Nystrom of Swedish Radio, the author is remarkable for his lack of bitterness or aggressiveness. "He tells a tale, and he's a fine storyteller. His story of his childhood in a Hungarian village is almost naive, with the intimate personal relationships we recognize from Bashevis Singer's stories, and a kind of poetry that we see in the paintings of Chagall."

Scandinavia's largest daily, *Expressen*, wrote: "It's the little boy Ferike and not Ferenc Gondor, 58, telling this simple story. We share his sense of security when he goes to the town square with his nurse or studies Latin verbs in his father's bed; we share his surprise and fear when the boys at school beat him up because he's a Jew. And step by step he guides us through the hell the 16-year-old boy is driven into by policemen with cudgels and guns. It's an infinitely exciting book, impossible to put down until you reach the end."

Gondor, who plans to come on aliya with his wife when he goes on pension, feels very much at home here, even though Sweden has been his home since 1949. The reason is that "the Swedes are very helpful and kind." He was upset, however, when his colleagues at Swedish Radio berated him during the Lebanese War. "Do you bomb any more poor Arabs?" they used to ask

every morning. Anti-Semitism, he says, takes the form of anti-Zionism. Gondor is not at all shy about telling of his life, even when he was at his most fragile and helpless in Mauthausen and Auschwitz. He recalls that he never parted from a small prayer book in the concentration camps, once having to buy it back with three days' worth of soup when someone in the camp confiscated it from him. "I always prayed to God, asking him to let me pray to him the next day." The book ends with Ferenc reciting a prayer of thanksgiving upon reaching Sweden. The volume joins the many shelves of personal memoirs of the Holocaust that have been published in recent years. The fact that this ordinarily remarkable story is not unusual because it befell many Jews does not weaken the need for it to be published. Swedish children and adults will now know more about the Holocaust than they could learn from a TV movie about it.



Ferenc Gondor

WHAT DOES the Book of Job have to do with games, tropical diseases or demography? Well, nothing really, except that at least one person is an expert in all three.

He is David Wolfers, a 57-year-old retired physician who is presently giving a course on the Book of Job at the Hebrew University Forum of the United Synagogue, the Conservative movement's headquarters in Jerusalem's Rehov Agmon.

Born in Britain and raised in Australia, Wolfers returned to England to study tropical medicine and demography. His experiences also encompassed further studies at Columbia in New York and work in Singapore. And on the way, he also became a champion bridge player.

He came to Israel over eight years ago to set up a family planning programme, but lasted in the Health Ministry for five weeks before giving it up as hopeless. Then he settled down and went back to a subject that

Patience of a Job

By HAIM SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter

has fascinated him for much of his life — the Book of Job.

Wolfers first read the problematic biblical account of the just man who suffers untold hardships when he was 12 and a teacher told him that Job was the first novel. At the time, he adds, he didn't understand it at all.

Understanding only came to him many years later, Wolfers says — after he abandoned the Revised Standard translation which he had used as a child and made his own



David Wolfers

translation from the Hebrew. Crucial to his interpretation is an understanding of the word *behemot*

as the people of Judah, a usage which he says can be found elsewhere, in Isaiah and in Psalm 73. It is a word, he says, which connotes weakness and helplessness.

In conjunction with this, the word *leviathan*, usually translated as a sea monster, in fact means the spirit of chaos and is symbolic of the conquerors of Judea.

Thus, he explains, rather than referring to the suffering of one person, the entire work is an allegory on the tribulations of a people.

"The wicked" are not just a bunch of nasty individuals, but the enemies of Judah, Assyria and Babylonia, and everything described can be seen in terms of national tragedy. It is a view which is in sharp contrast with that of the biblical scholars.

IT COMES as no surprise that the scholars have, to put it mildly, been cool to his theories. "They would

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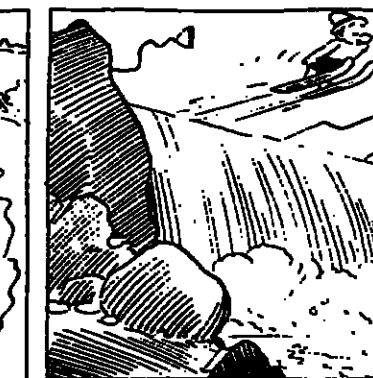
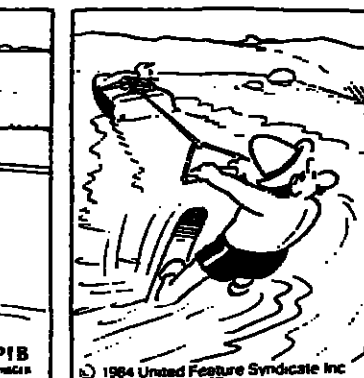
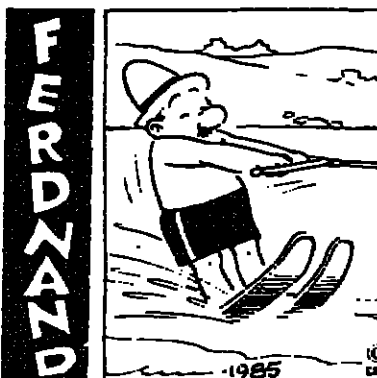
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The performance was most impressive from every point of view. The new version of Seter's *Midnight Vigil* expands the earlier composition (1961) from a fairly modest Cantata into an oratorio-like work, which kept even the sceptics spellbound. It had immediate impact and conveyed an impression of intrinsic

weightiness. Seter never makes compromises or looks for cheap effects. His handling of the orchestra for spare colouring of the vocal texture; the use of the large masses of singers for transparent sonorities; the mystical mood maintained throughout with masterly economy — all testified to his

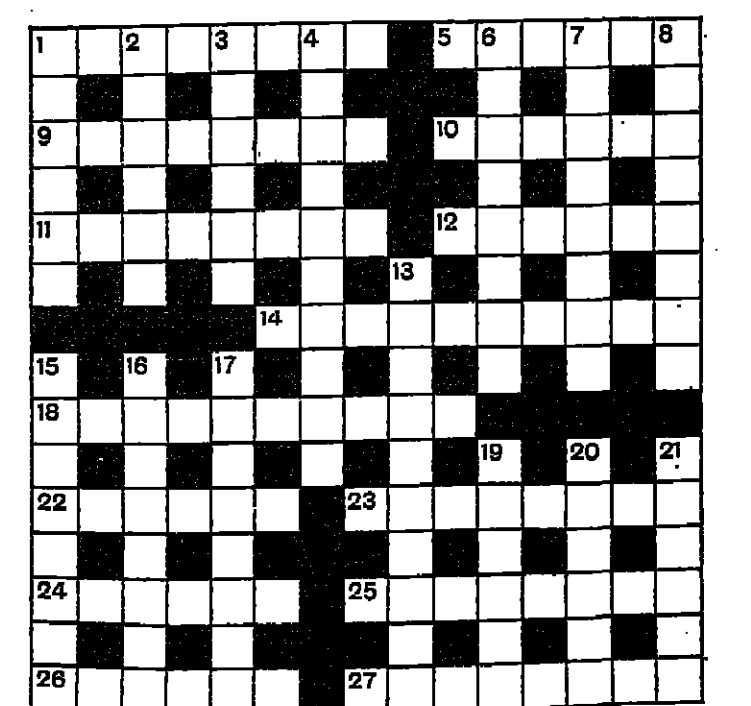
singularity among Israeli composers. Mira Zakai as narrator tastefully acted the part and sang the few melismatic spots with a warm voice and inner conviction.

The Mozart "Requiem" had four excellent soloists, and the London Bach Choir, augmented by members of the Kibbutz Ha'artzi Choir, filled the hall with rich and beautiful choral sound. Driven by the boundless energy of Gary Bertini, everybody contributed his best, including a beautiful solo from first trombonist Eitan Betzalel in the *Tuba Mirum* and the *Requiem* was deeply affecting with its never-failing lovely music in this faultless performance.



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Team with genuine complement of stars (8)
 - Sport having little space in the press (6)
 - One who feels at home on the hospital staff (8)
 - Desires to have animal surgeons for company (6)
 - How under-the-counter business is transacted (2, 5, 5)
 - Herb embracing Virginia is anything but gentle (6)
 - Television scout working in camera? (4-6)
 - Exceedingly high-water mark (5, 5)
 - Interrupt with a belated expression to the French (6)
 - Train on the same lines over and over again (8)
 - She'd drop the apostrophe (4-2)
 - Given to be put in the hold (8)
 - Strays about playing the giddy goat (6)
 - One getting a lift up, perhaps (8)
- DOWN**
- 15 Sounds one of the Principality's institutions for a group of deep subjects (6, 2, 6)
 - 2 You can't be sure when nursing them (8)
 - 3 Staggered after cottoning on? (6)
 - 4 Somehow I'm late and last always (2, 5, 5)
 - 6 Whether bound, a Latin scholar may ask (3, 5)
 - 7 Sailor king's consort face up in a river (8)
 - 8 Old pub lodging on the permanent way (8)
 - 13 Sugar substitutes used as bribes (10)
 - 15 See 1 down
 - 16 Worker on settee in a reclining position (8)
 - 17 Great admirer stylishly tailored (8)
 - 19 & 20 Do oboe players become so prominently featured? (8-6)
 - 21 Adored as a divine tree in India (6)



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Survivors' strength

TRAITS shown by survivors of the Holocaust are similar to those displayed by Americans who were prisoners of war, according to a study begun last year. Holocaust survivors can show strength in adversity, can make the most out of difficult situations and tend to cling to hope, despite unfairness or malice, say the researchers.

"Many Americans who are former prisoners of war, especially in Japanese camps during World War II and, of course, those in the Chinese camps during the Korean War and North Vietnamese camps, have shown us similar response traits," said Boaz Kahana, chairman of the psychology department of Cleveland State University. Kahana, his wife, Eva, a professor of sociology at Case Western Re-

serve University, and Zev Harel, Cleveland State professor of social science, are the principal investigators in a three-year research project to study a cross-section of Holocaust survivors. The study is being financed by more than \$300,000 from the National Institutes of Mental Health.

"Some survivors would rather try to forget about what happened," says Kahana. "But this experience for many of them — fighting for life and not being ready to give up — provided them with mechanisms which enable them to adjust to whatever they encountered in the post-war years."

Kahana says that 275 Holocaust survivors who settled in the U.S. have been interviewed so far. (Associated Press)

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 8:15 School Broadcasts 15:00 Surprise Train 15:30 Kullarpoop 15:30 Don Quixote (part 15) 16:00 Pisk's House 16:30 Pretty Butterfly 17:00 A New Evening — live magazine. **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:** 17:30 Somersaults 18:30 News roundup 18:45 Inventions and Innovations 19:00 Between Children and State 19:30 News. **HEBREW PROGRAMMES:** resume at 20:00 with a news roundup. 20:02 Movie Time — cinema magazine. 20:30 Tzeitit — bi-weekly science and technology magazine. 21:00 Mabat Newsreel 21:30 Moked 22:05 Skin Game. Paul Bogart's 1971 comedy-western stars James Garner, Louis Gossett and Susan Clark. 23:45 News. **JORDAN TV (unofficial):** 17:30 Cartoons 18:00 French Hour 18:30 (UTC 3) That's Incredible 19:00 News in French 19:30 News in Hebrew 20:00 News in Arabic 20:30 Let There Be Love 21:10 Documentary 22:00 News in English 22:15 The Final Battle. **MIDDLE EAST TV (From T.A. north):** 13:00 Insight 13:30 Another Life 14:00 700 Club 14:30 Stage-up 15:00 Afternoon Movie 16:30 Spiderman 17:00 Popeye 17:30 Super Book 18:00 Bonanza 19:00 Trapper John 20:00 Another Life 20:30 News 21:00 Mork & Mandy 21:30 Father Murphy 22:30 Garry & Lucy 23:30 700 Club 24:00 News Update 00:30 Eventide.

First Programme

6:03 Programmes for Olim
7:30 Morning Concert (from Voice of Music)
9:30 Encounter — live family and social affairs magazine
10:30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
11:10 School Broadcasts
11:30 Education for all
12:05 Sephardi songs
13:00 News in English
13:30 News in French
14:06 Children's programmes
15:30 Notes on a New Book
16:05 Programme for Senior Citizens
17:12 Jewish Ideas
17:20 Everyman's University
18:10 Hebrew songs
18:47 Bible Reading
19:05 Lesson in Halacha
19:30 Programmes for Olim
22:05 A Friend from the Same Planet

Second Programme

6:12 Gymnastics
6:30 Editorial Review
6:55 Green Light — drivers' corner
7:00 This Morning — news magazine
8:05 Safe Journey
9:05 House Call — with Rivka Michaeli
10:10 All Shades of the Network — morning magazine
12:10 Open Line — news and music
13:00 Midday — news commentary, music
14:06 Matters of Interest — with Gabi Gazit
15:05 Magic Moments — favourite old songs
16:10 Safe Journey
17:10 Economics Magazine
17:30 Of Men and Figures
18:00 New Faces in the Knesset
18:10 Today in Sport
19:05 Today's radio newscast
19:30 The Jewish People
20:05 Folklore Magazine
21:15 Song for the Road
22:05 Stage and Screen
23:05 Night Games

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music
6:03 Musical Clock
7:07 Sibelius: The Swan of Tuonela (Bernstein); Chopin: Ballade No. 4 (Claudio Arrau)
7:30 Mozart: Divertimento, K.287; Sibelius: Violin concerto (Yehudi Menuhin, I.P.O. Azmon); Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 3 Bernstein
9:30 Brahms: Serenade No. 1; Beethoven: String Quartet, Op. 131 (Males, Stuyk)
Sibelius: Serenade No. 2 (Concertgebouw, Seel)
Robert Starer: Ariel — Prophecy of Jeremiah (J.S.O., Stanley Sperber)
12:00 Maria Anderson, harpsichord in C major; Wikmanson: Games at Sufferdus; Peter August, organ: David Tussa, trumpet — Freischütz; Tocatta; F. Eben: Windows (after Chagall); Daphne: Windows, Op. 65
13:05 Grieg: Intermezzo to Peer Gynt; Mendelssohn: Intermezzo and Scherzo from A Midsummer Night's Dream
15:00 Voices and Tunes from the Bedouin in Sinai (part 2)
15:30 Youth Programme
16:30 Liturgica '84 — From the Dormition Abbey, Mt. Zion — A.V. Abramovici, violin; Elisabeth Roloff, organ — Biecher: Church Sonatas
18:00 Contemporary Music — Michael Tippett at Elthly

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Bel Agnos: 1984 at 7, 9; Another Time Another Place: 5; Edens Missing in Action: Edson: Woman in Red; Hablrah: Our Man from Bond Street; Kfir: Broadway Danny Rose; Mitchell: Carmen 6, 9; Orgy: Harry and Son; Orion: Ghost Busters; Orion: Tightrope 6, 9; Rage and Glory 4, 7; Beyond the Wall: Sunday in the Country 7, 9; Cinema One: Sound of Music 3:30; Trouble with Harry 7:15; Chariots of Fire 9; Cinematheque: Section Speciale 7: La Teie Centre les Murs 9:30 (small hall); Dead Men Don't Wear Field 9:30.
TEL AVIV 4, 7, 9, 15, 9:30
Allenby: Nine to Five; Ben-Yehuda: Woman in Red; Chen 1: Tight Rope 4, 7, 9, 9:40; 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea 11, 2; Chen 2: Reuben Reuben 4, 4:45, 7:30, 9:40; Mary Poppins 11, 2; Chen 3: 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea 4:35, 7:15; Rage and Glory 9:45; Chen 4: Romantic the Stone 10:30, 1:30, 4:40, 7:25, 9:40; Chen 5: Splash 10:20, 1:30, 4:40, 7:25, 9:40; Cinema One: Forced Vengeance; Cinema Two: La Traviata 4:30, 7, 9:30; Dekel: Trouble in Paradise 7:30, 9:30; Drive-In: High Road Fighters 7:15, 9:30; Hercules 5:30; Sex film, 12 midnight; Esther: Electric Dreams; Gati: Carmen 3:30, 6:30, 9:30; Gordon: 1984 at 4:45, 7:20, 9:35; 9: Rage and Glory 4, 7; Beyond the Wall 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Lev II: Dany Free Marriage 1:45, 5, 7:30, 9:40; Limor: High Road Fighters 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; Maxima Zing: Story; Mognari: Ghost Busters: Orly: The Bounty 4:30, 7, 9:30; Paria: Atalia 12, 2, 4, 7:30, 9:30.

HAIFA 4, 6, 45, 9
Amphitheatre: Get Crazy; Armon: Ghost Busters 4:45, 9; Atzmon: Les Seigneurs de la Route 4, 7, 9; Bet Abba: Knowledge; Betzalel: Chen: Beyond the Wall; Morale: Andia 7, 9; Chen: midnight show; Orly: Woman in Red; Orly: Reuben Reuben 6:45, 9; Paria: Karate Kid; Ron: Missing in Action; Shavit: 1984 at 7, 9: The King and Mr. Bird 5

RAMAT GAN
Armon: Tightrope 7:15, 9:30; Mary Poppins 4:30; Lily: Woman in Red 7:15, 9:30; Orly: Ghost Busters 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Orly: Top Secret 7:15, 9:30; Ramat Gan: Karate Kid Sun., Wed. 4:30, 7:30; Mon., Tue., Thur. 7, 9:30

HERZLIYA
David Spauld 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Hechel: Missing in Action: 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Taleris: Against All Odds 7:15, 9:15

BOLON
Mishael: Tightrope 7:15, 9:30; That Darn Cat 4:30; Savary: Woman in Red 7:15, 9:30; Tom Sawyer 4:30

BAT YAM
Armon: Missing in Action 4:30, 7:15, 9:30

New Year bonanza for toy fund

Jerusalem Post Staff
NINETEEN EIGHTY-FIVE seems to be starting with a bang. This week's mailbag has brought The Jerusalem Post funds a windfall of jumbo-sized contributions and an unusually large spate of small and middle-sized cheques.

The Forsake Me Not campaign received a special boost when Mrs. Priscilla Fishman presented us with a \$2,000 donation from the Gimphich Family Foundation of New York City. Mrs. Fishman, who is their Israeli representative, explained that the foundation was established to benefit the Jewish people by providing seed money for innovative projects to improve the quality of life of the community here or in the U.S. Grants are awarded twice yearly to non-governmental tax-exempt groups, and the foundation is currently accepting applications. Interested organizations can apply through Mrs. Fishman, P.O.B. 4173, Jerusalem.

The Toy Fund was the happy beneficiary of a \$2,500 contribution from Christian Concern International, a California humanitarian organization. With only two months of fund-raising under its belts this year, our progress totals are already pretty impressive. But in 1985 the needs will be greater than ever. Requests are coming in from every part of the country, and we're determined to make this a record year for the funds. Help us to say "yes" to every worthwhile request. Send your contribution to The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund and/or the Forsake Me Not Campaign, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem 91000.

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Ancient maps calendar wins design contest

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A calendar showing rare ancient maps and prints of Jerusalem and the Bible taken from the 15th to 19th centuries has received first prize in the annual national competition of calendar design.

The contest, organized by the Israel Productivity Institute with help from the Print Foundation and the Association of Graphic Artists, included dozens of original designs. The winners will represent Israel at the annual international competition to be held this year in Europe.

First prize was won by Terra Sancta Art of Tel Aviv, whose ancient maps calendar is printed in seven colours, including metallic gold. Designed by Frederick Gozlan, the calendar's text and numbers were handwritten. (The calendar was included some time ago in The Jerusalem Post's Library Series and is available to readers.)

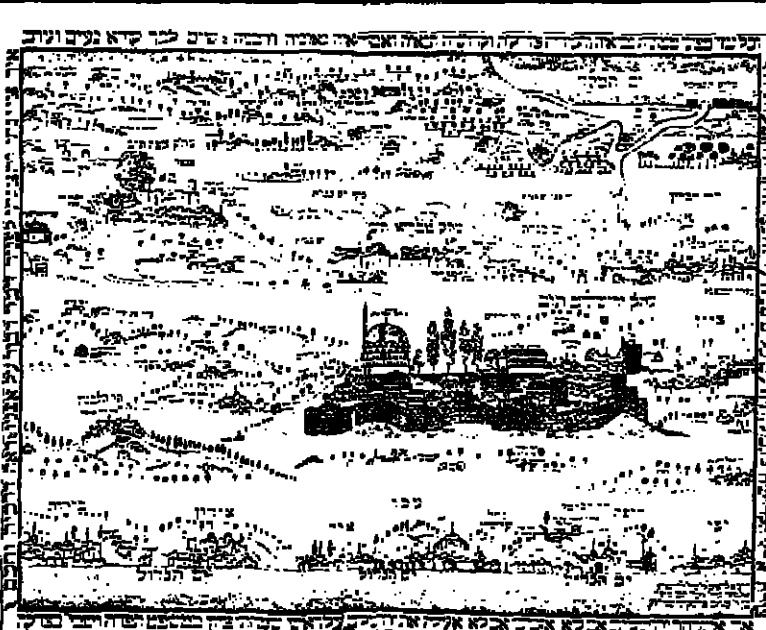
Turnovsky, the veteran calendar

design firm, received second prize for a series of five calendars meant for export. Included are the Codex Hebraicus, with coloured illustrations of Pessah; another with archaeological artifacts and one showing flowers and trees of the Orient.

Carmel-Agrexco, the produce exporter, received third prize for its calendar of Israeli fruits and vegetables, using children's tales and Bible stories. It was designed by Asher Calderon and printed in seven colours on a black background.

Of the 52 contestants, three more received honourable mention: a commercial calendar of Manpower, the temporary worker agency, printed on PVC; a calendar of suspended figures for the Pazar company, and El Al's Seven Species calendar.

According to the Productivity Institute, the level of calendar design has dramatically improved because of the competition.



A panoramic view of the Holy Land is reproduced in the prize winning calendar produced by Terra Sancta Art. The original, a lithograph, appeared in a book by Rabbi Haim Shlomo Pinia, of Safad, Views of Eretz Yisrael, published in 1875 in Turek, Poland.

Shippers promise to keep freight charges frozen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - The shipping companies have agreed to postpone until February 1 a planned increase in their freight charges in compliance with the package deal price freeze.

The postponement will save importers and exporters about \$7 million, the director of the Shippers Council, Arye Mehoulal said yesterday.

On the lines between Israel, northwest Europe and Britain, the freight rates will be raised by 17 per cent on exports and imports beginning February 1.

The increase on all lines to the U.S. will be 10 per cent, while on those between Israel and Mediterranean ports, the increase will range from between 8 and 10 per cent.

Zim will raise its charges on lines out of Eilat by 2.5 per cent for export cargoes, from February 15, and by 5 per cent on imports. Another identical increase will be levied by these lines in July.

The freight increases will cost Israel's foreign trade another estimated \$7m. monthly.

Ports Authority okays \$71.7m. budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV - The Ports Authority executive has approved the \$71.7-million 1985/86 budget. The budget must now be approved by the government.

The bulk of the budget is to increase the cargo capacity at Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat Ports. According to projections, cargo at these three ports is expected to increase by about 22 per cent by 1988/89 compared with 1983/84.

The proposed budget is to be divided among the ports as follows: \$20.4m. for Haifa, \$21.8m. for Ashdod and \$30.8m. for Eilat. About \$28.7m. is earmarked for the purchase of new equipment.

STAMP. - The Soviet Union has issued a postage stamp in memory of "the outstanding stateswoman and politician, a great friend of the Soviet Union," the late Indira Gandhi. Tass reported.

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market specifically, and considering that the authorities - among them the Securities Authority - formed the view that the regulation was not, in itself, a legal transgression, the other statutory authorities, who have no regulatory function over the capital market, saw no reason for an independent legal inquiry.

"E) Until the time of the crisis, the Bank of Israel had not received any complaint that investment counsel-mand had misled customers or had even advised them to buy bank shares against the customer's interests. Therefore, there could be no ignoring of, or indifference to, complaints as the report asserts. The question whether influencing a customer to buy shares involving conflict of interests in this or that specific case represents a transgression of Para. 54 A (1) of the securities law or of Para. 3 of the Banking (Customer Service) Law, is a weighty question and has been given over to examination by the attorney-general.

"It therefore seems to us that most of the conclusions reached by the comptroller in Chapter 5 are not supported by the facts as they were, and the legal conclusion arising from them is incorrect.

"Finally, I would not be fulfilling my duty if I did not remark that if the report is published as it stands, the conclusion stemming from Chapter 5 is that the banks were guilty of fraud and that the counsellors in the banks (all of them) misled the public.

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These are very serious violations, especially when talking about banking corporations, and it would be right, if not a function of the rules of natural justice, that these things should not be published without giving the banks a chance to express their viewpoint.

It should be recalled that not only were the banks and their staff not accused of transgressions such as those attributed to them but even preliminary steps to put them on trial have not been taken, despite the fact that, at least since the crash, all the facts have been known to the state prosecutor and discussions have even been held whether there are grounds for such steps (at which it was decided, to the best of my knowledge, not to instigate any legal proceedings).

"I would also add that in Chapter 5 there are fundamental legal findings by the comptroller of which one can say, at the least, that they are not accepted by most of the legal authorities on the subject (and are mistaken in my opinion) and which contradict past judgements. It is dubious whether a comptroller's report is the place for new legal findings, particularly in criminal matters.

"Signed, M. Herzberg.

These conclusions, and the legal reasoning that forms their basis, made almost no impact whatsoever on the comptroller's final report.

Haifa science company sells 61% more in year

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - The sales of the Kulso company in Haifa's science-based industries complex went up by 61 per cent - to \$17.7 million - during the fiscal year that ended in September. Kulso's fiscal year coincides with that of its American parent firm, Kulicke and Soffa of Philadelphia.

A company spokesman said yesterday that 98 per cent of its products, automatic and semi-automatic computerized machines for the manufacture of electronic components, are exported.

The firm, which employs 640 workers, invests 13 per cent of its

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New hope for Nakoura?

ISRAEL'S original hope of squeezing concessions from the Syrians in Lebanon by keeping the IDF 25 kilometres from Damascus has now been abandoned. But the exercise in brinkmanship last month over the IDF's withdrawal from Lebanon seems to have paid off.

Before the Nakoura talks were suspended for a Christmas recess on December 20, Jerusalem signalled to Beirut that the next meeting, scheduled to be held on January 7, would be crucial for the future of the military dialogue between the two sides. If the Lebanese persisted in their refusal to allow Unifil to spread through the entire area to be vacated by the IDF, Israel would break off the talks, and take such unilateral measures for its own security as it saw fit.

The implied warning that Israel would redeploy its forces closer to the international border, and leave the rest of the area to stew in intercommunal violence, appears to have occasioned second thoughts in both Beirut and Damascus. The Lebanese may not care a whit about the peace of Galilee but they would like to exercise at least a semblance of authority over their land, while the Syrians, who wish Lebanon to stay under their thumb, want it free of internal turbulence.

There is already some evidence that the Israeli warning has had its impact. During the past week there has been diplomatic movement between Beirut and Damascus, with the Americans and the UN playing their part. The final results will only be known in Nakoura next week, but Premier Shimon Peres has already been buoyed by the "enhanced" chances of the negotiations.

This may mean the Lebanese, who until now have insisted on restricting Unifil's presence to the border area with Israel, will agree to position the force north of the Litani as well; in Israel's view, this is essential to barring the infiltration of terrorists from the north.

At least, the Lebanese are now expected to modify their stand sufficiently to allow for some diplomatic give-and-take to develop. This need not in itself produce an agreement on the IDF's pullout. The issue of the South Lebanon Army, which is anathema to Beirut (and, of course, Damascus), might sink the talks even if the Unifil stumbling block were removed. But in the meantime Jerusalem could put off its Nakoura deadline until the end of the month.

The delay would also give the national unity government time to compose differences between the Alignment and the Likud over the approach to the Lebanese question.

Likud ministers have been vocally protesting Mr. Peres's open predictions lately that the IDF will, within the next few months, be out of Lebanon. The formal ground for their complaint is that the cabinet has so far held no discussion, and taken no decision, on the question. But this has not deterred them from putting forward their own solutions.

Thus it has been suggested that, if the Lebanese fail to come through, the IDF should stay put on the Awali line - or even to move northward.

Such verbal muscle-flexing must be designed to foster the illusion that, even if the original Likud aim of inaugurating permanent peace with a sovereign Maronite-led Lebanon has been junked, Israel could still guarantee the security of Galilee by occupying a large part of Lebanon for years to come. In fact, such prolonged occupation could turn all Lebanon against Israel - and convert the present guerrilla warfare by Shi'a extremists in the south into a genuine war of national liberation that might spill across the border.

To be sure, the alternative of a withdrawal - even a phased withdrawal - to the international borders carries its own risks. Some terrorist Katynushas might fall in the north again, as O/C Northern Command, Aluf Ori Orr, has said. The IDF's terrible swift sword ought to make sure that their number is very small indeed - and that the punishment meted out to the perpetrators, and their sponsors, is maximal.

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commission and of what type.

Among Knesset members there were differences of opinion on the issue. One group, headed by MK Haim Ramon, (Labour), and Yair Tsaban, (Mapam), want an immediate decision. They fear that the banks could pressure the Knesset and the government to limit the powers and the extent of any inquiry. Opposing them is a group of MKs, mainly from the Likud, which while orally supporting the idea of an inquiry commission are proposing to delay the creation of such a body for a few days and to give the banks a chance of reacting to the comptroller's report.

One of the main issues which will be in the centre of the debate during the coming days is whether the commission should be allowed to go into the question of personal responsibility for the crash.

The call for an investigation of the personal roles of those involved was

sparked by the declaration made on Monday by MK Yoram Aridor and by the governor of the Bank of Israel that they were not to blame for what happened. Aridor was the target of harsh criticism among MKs for his remarks that he had "come out clean" in the report.

There was talk both inside and outside the committee about compelling the heads of the banking system to step down, even before a commission of inquiry is established. At least one senior cabinet member is known to support this position. The Likud ministers were approached yesterday and requested to give their support for this.

President Chaim Herzog praised the report, calling it "a credit" to the state, which did not sweep the matter under the carpet. The lesson of the report, he said, during a tour of Migdal Ha'emek, is that Israelis must get back to work and not look for quick profits through speculation.

PILOT

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(Lieutenant) Ilan Yitzhak and Segen Mishne (Second Lieutenant) Avner Efrati, flew fairly high over Wadi Bezek at 10.25 and when they reached Wadi Shubash there was an explosion in one of the two engines.

The crew shut down the damaged engine in accordance with emergency regulations and then mistakenly tried to turn back, apparently in an attempt to land in an open space. By doing so the pilot overtaxed the remaining engine which lost power and the helicopter lost height until it hit the wadi bed.

The pilot could probably have avoided the accident had he not turned or lost altitude, it was reported.



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The commander of the exercise hurt both his legs and hand but remained conscious. He fired into the air to attract attention but to no avail.

Only after reaching their base at 12.15 did other members of the Golani unit phone the air force squadron to check about the helicopter. At 1 p.m. a helicopter flying over the area was instructed to look for the missing Bell. Two other helicopters joined the search.

At 1.55 the wounded commander fired a flare and succeeded in attracting the searching pilots' attention.

Under normal circumstances, when the Bell 212 is handled correctly, the failure of one engine "should not be serious and safe landing is possible." Air Force Commander Aluf Amos Lapidot said. The twin-engine Bell, which has been in the air force for nine years is "good and safe. It's the air force's work horse," he added.

The four officers have not been tried. Two are flight controllers and the other two are infantry officers. They allegedly showed a lack of alertness, and some negligence, considering that the plane was not seen in the air nor in radio contact, for some time, Lapidot said.

Speaking for ourselves

By SHLOMO AVINERI

THE AMERICAN request to install a Voice of America transmitter in Israel raises several delicate and complex questions, which constitute a legitimate cause for public debate in Israel, one free as much as possible from slogans and rhetoric.

On the one hand, what is more justifiable than an Israeli assent to such a request? The United States is Israel's closest friend, ally and benefactor; the Soviet Union, on the other hand, does not maintain diplomatic relations with Israel, always appears on the international arena as a supporter of the more intransigent Arab positions, aids and abets some of the more extreme Palestinian terrorist organizations, and suppresses the basic human rights of its Jewish community.

Yet, as in many other issues of international politics, the picture is more complex. The Voice of America is not just an American radio station; it is conceived by the Reagan Administration and by the present director of the U.S. Information Agency, under whose aegis it operates, as a spear-head of the global American crusade against Communism.

It has an explicit propaganda message, and while its anti-Communism is not as strident as that of Radio Free Europe, it does not shy away from encouraging explicit efforts at de-stabilization in Eastern Europe. As such, it is a true exponent of the rhetoric of the present American administration.

It is here that the Israeli perspectives may diverge from the global considerations of current U.S. policies. While the U.S. and Israel have

a joint interest in containing and curtailing Soviet influence in the region, the Israeli agenda is necessarily somewhat different from the global concerns of the U.S.

ISRAEL already has a wide range of points of friction and conflict with the USSR; yet Israel is not a world power, and its relative diplomatic isolation should dictate to it a policy of trying to localize points of conflict with a world power like the Soviet Union, and not widen them.

As reported in the press, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir assured Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in their recent meeting in New York that Israel is interested in normalizing relations with the Soviet Union; and that Israel's policy, while strongly disagreeing with the USSR on a number of crucial issues, is not looking for confrontation.

Israeli officials have in the past always emphasized that the struggle for Soviet Jewry has a limited agenda and is not an anti-Soviet campaign as such: Israel has always made a clear distinction between its advocacy of what it feels are the legitimate rights of Soviet Jews and any attempt to subvert the Soviet regime. For this reason Israel has in the past refused to cooperate with a number of emigre organizations that aim at toppling the Soviet regime.

Most Israelis detest the repressive aspects of the Soviet system; but they do not see it as Israel's mission to "liberate" the Russian people or to "free" Eastern Europe from the Soviet yoke; the Reagan Administration - at least on the rhetorical level, and it is this level which finds

expression in the VOA - has on numerous occasions created the impression of trying to achieve the destabilization of what President Reagan has called an "evil empire." Israel, with its limited size and resources, its vulnerability and its own national order of priorities, cannot be part of such an agenda, even if it is conducted merely on the rhetorical level.

THE ISRAELI agenda is much more limited: Israel would like to see some sort of normalization on the diplomatic front with the Soviet Union and its allies; a more liberal Soviet policy towards its Jewish community; and a more balanced, and realistic, Soviet policy in the Middle East. The present prolonged crisis of leadership in the Soviet Union also means that things are in great flux in the Kremlin, and with the slow emergence of a new leadership, there may be some shifts in Soviet policy, as a new leadership may be less committed to the policies - and mistakes - of its predecessors. In such a period it would be counterproductive from Israel's point of view to broaden the range of possible friction with Russia.

Two paradoxes accompany these considerations. First, it is the case that the USSR is sometimes more sensitive to hostile propaganda than to military alliances among its adversaries. The Soviet Union respects power, and Israel's alliance with the U.S. is one of the reasons why the Soviet Union respects the realities of power expressed by Israel and why, on occasion, it has tried to restrain its own allies (especially in the case of

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Syria during and immediately after the Lebanon War). But the ideological language in which the Soviet Union envelops its power, and the extreme brittleness of this link with its Eastern European allies, makes the Soviet Union very sensitive to what it considers destabilizing propaganda. There is no compelling reason for Israel to enter this propaganda fray just now. Israel should be interested in being viewed by the Soviet Union as a factor of stability and not de-stabilization - because Israel is interested in stability, peace and co-existence.

Secondly, several NATO countries have recently refused or curtailed U.S. requests for facilities for the Voice of America. Maybe the U.S. is paying for the shrillness of Reagan's rhetoric; but if members of the military alliance of NATO have doubts

about the desirability of being identified with the present mood expressed by the VOA, Israel should also pause to reflect on this. It also shows that being allied with the U.S. does not mean that on all issues one has to accept U.S. positions.

The United States, as a global power, is resourceful and sophisticated enough to realize that there can be no total identity of interests between a world power and even its closest allies. Just as the U.S. disagrees - for reasons that directly derive from its role as a global power - with Israel over the status of Jerusalem, so Israel may disagree with the U.S. about the Voice of America.

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Too many parties

By DAVID KRIVINE

liament to a two- or three-party parliament, depending on what voting method was adopted.

THE FAULT of proportional representation is that it fosters the multiplication of parties, and the multiplication of pressure groups within the parties.

One result is that the government grossly overpays. The general interest requires that the authorities desist from printing money. The interest of each pressure-group is on the contrary to milk the Treasury of subsidies for its own selfish purposes.

The clash of pressure-groups within the parties is not visible to the general public. The clash between the bigger pressure-groups, to wit, the political parties themselves, is visible in the Knesset, causing widespread demoralization. Ordinary people are patriotic, eager to serve the cause, ready to make sacrifices. The political establishment frustrates all that.

The government cannot govern as it would wish, or as the country needs. It is obliged again and again to sacrifice principle. It submits to the exigencies of coalition politics because it has no choice. It does not mind what it should do, but what it can do within the baffling limitations of the system. It ends up by making cynics of us all.

Big parties come closer to representing the general interest than small parties, because they carry responsibility. Power without responsibility corrupts. A party that has to run the country for a period of years does at least try to tackle the nation's problems. A small faction that is not and never will be in charge of policy uses power for its own purposes. Solving the country's problems is not its business. It tends accordingly to be a pressure-group.

THE RECENT crisis with Shas, which came close to wrecking the national unity government, is a case in point. It embodied all the terrible faults and deficiencies of the political system we are stuck with.

What is Shas? We have two perfectly good religious parties already, one orthodox and Zionist (the NRP), the other orthodox and non-Zionist (Agudat Yisrael). Which spiritual ideals does the new party foster that the others neglect? The public is not aware of any. The only distinguishing mark generally discernible is that most of Shas's supporters are Sephardim.

But there also already exists a party, if one is needed, to look out for the interests of Sephardi Jews: Tami. Besides, how can a faction that purports to speak for biblical Judaism, which is supposed to unite the Jewish people, adopt ethnic criteria which divide it?

Another interpretation of Shas's position is that it is in reality a party of disgruntled job-seekers who covet the top post held by the present leaders of NRP and Aguda, who do not budge from office until they reach an advanced age.

That theory is closer to the mark. Shas may be a bit more right-wing than NRP, but the difference is incidental. The only substantial result of its incursion onto the political scene is that Yitzhak Peretz and his followers have now replaced Zevulun Hanmer and his followers in the seats of power.

The bitter contest between Shas and NRP involving Likud and Labour and Uncle Tom Cobley and all - over whether certain marginal functions should be transferred from the Interior Ministry to the Ministry of Religions - results (it must be said in Shas's favour) from the impossible electoral system that the country is saddled with.

If the vote was by constituencies, every four years, each and every politician would be up in person for re-election - or rejection - by the public at large. Under proportional representation (PR), the parties choose the candidates and choose the same ones every time, because they are a closed group, and it is a share-out. The people chosen are the people who did the choosing. Those left out have no option but to create a party of their own.

Do we need confirmation that the aim of this particular new faction is a share of the swag? Shas was prepared during the negotiations to dispense with the religious appendages that had accrued to the Interior Ministry over the decades of NRP control - provided it was offered something else in return: the post of deputy housing minister.

What has the Housing Ministry to do with religion, a radio interviewer queried last week. Plenty, answered a Shas MK: "There are synagogues and ritual baths to be built, and we too have people who want housing."

At a time when the government is doing its best to reduce public expenditures, Shas wanted to lay its hands on a source of patronage for its supporters. That is the issue on which it was willing to break the coalition - not religion, not foreign policy, not Lebanon, not the inflated economy. Just the No. 2 post in the Housing Ministry.

And when Prime Minister Shimon Peres wanted to break the deadlock by appealing to Shas's overlords (the Council of Torah Sages), he had to call on them in their office, and at a time of their convenience. Indeed he was instructed to make his appearance at dead of night, because it so happens that Rabbi Ovadia Yosef teaches a Talmud class on Saturday evenings.

The rabbi, powerfully endowed with four representatives in the Knesset, could not be bothered to postpone his class just that once, merely because the prime minister of Israel sought his audience on a matter of national importance.

THE PARLIAMENTARY preoccupation with place-seeking could be done away with overnight if the two big parties enacted an electoral reform bill abolishing PR and introducing "direct elections," as was done in local government for the mayors. Israel would be rid of coalition politics for good.

Why do the two big parties, who would be the winners from this change, refrain from introducing it? Because those in office get elected through the prevailing system, and people are not inclined to saw off the branch on which they sit. They might - horror of horrors - lose their seats.

The political parties are even worse affected. Individual members might get re-elected if they are lucky, but the party hierarchy would be doomed. It would lose its kingmaker role and would revert to being what it ought to be, an amiable voluntary society serving an ideal.

Besides, what if the individual candidate is not so lucky? Who (Knesset members whisper to each other) might not be elected under the system of constituencies? Will the voters poll for you and me, or might they prefer some rabble-rouser or pop stars or sex-symbols, or even a new batch of intellectuals that know not who sits in the Knesset building and Metzudat Ze'ev and 110 Hayarkon Street pulling strings?

The politicians who fear that the wrong people might be elected are sure that the party-first system protects the nation from chaos. Machiavelli's thinking ran along the same lines. What the politicians are really saying is that they must protect the nation from making its own decisions. That is the kind of politician one gets under the proportional representation system in Israel.

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READERS' LETTERS

EMERGENCY PROGRAMME FOR THE RESCUE OF SOVIET JEWRY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir - The branch of the Jewish People in the USSR is descending to the abyss. The plight of Soviet Jewry is terrifying. The desperate cries of Soviet Jewry increase from day to day. Three million of our brethren are subject to persecutions and accusations, arrests and brutal mistreatment. Until the present, Soviet Jews were subject to a campaign of forced assimilation and spiritual destruction; the oppression today is physical. Soviet Jews live in constant fear; the threat to their lives is tangible. They cry to us for help, "but there is no deliverer."

We are occupied with our everyday affairs. The Government of Israel is silent, enveloping itself in a shroud of silence "secrecy". The Israeli Government neither responds to nor refuses the Soviets' false accusations, it does not declare "J'accuse" against the USSR, and does not arise to save the Jewish People. The Israeli Government does indeed take actions which are not publicized, but takes almost no open, planned actions.

The Government of Israel has no clear, defined practical programme for the rescue of Soviet Jewry; it itself apparently does not believe that it can save them, thinking rather, "who are we, against the Russians." All the actions taken by the Israeli government have been

conducted without a master plan, and the actions implemented by the various arms of the Israeli Government are directionless and halting.

The International Rescue Committee for Soviet Jewry (headed by Israel's rabbinic sages) has prepared a national emergency programme for the rescue of Soviet Jewry. This completely formulated programme deals with the operative and organizational details connected with the issue. I presented a five-page summary of the entire 25-page programme to the government, the prime minister, and all the ministers on November 14, 1984. I also sent a copy to each of the 120 Members of Knesset. I did not receive confirmation of receipt of the material, or any response at all, from any of them.

The main points of the programme are as follows: The Government of Israel will utilize the tremendous power of the Jewish People throughout the world for a comprehensive, intensive international campaign. The emergency programme, to be implemented on an international scale, requires mass action throughout the world, to attack the USSR's weak points. Action will be directed at points of political, social, and economic influence. The action campaign will continue without let-up, in order to bring to bear organized psychological pressure. This will be done, *inter alia*, by means of the

international media. The State of Israel must serve as a centre from which all Jewish communities will be used, and the Government of Israel must lead the struggle.

The prime minister must take the decision to establish a limited national emergency board, which will put into operation the emergency programme for the rescue of Soviet Jewry. Not a continuation of quiet policy, shrouded in darkness, not a continuation of sporadic actions and futile steps, but a firm, open, consistent uncompromising line - until the liberation of our brethren in the USSR. The Israeli Government must direct the battle.

If, however, the government does not decide to abandon its present policy, replacing it with a new policy, and acting accordingly, we shall turn to the Jewish People, to contribute the resources necessary to implement the national emergency programme for the rescue of Soviet Jewry. We shall establish the international apparatus, and we shall make use of the Jewish People, throughout the entire world, on behalf of the rescue of their brethren in the USSR.

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